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**Court agrees to extradite murder suspect**  
A police officer in Jerusalem District Court removes the handcuffs from the American teenager who is wanted for the murder of an acquaintance in Maryland nearly a year ago. The court ruled yesterday that the teenager can be extradited to the US. Story, Page 4. (AP)

## Strike due to intensify Histadrut threatens to shut down airport

By HERB KEINON

Barring any breakthrough in early morning negotiations, the Histadrut is expected to intensify its public sector strike this morning, with banks, Ben-Gurion Airport, the stock exchange, and the Israel Electric Corporation poised to join.

The Histadrut threatened to close down the airport at 9:00 a.m.

### School talks fizzle, Page 2

Also last night, negotiations between the Treasury and teachers broke down after reports throughout the day that a wage agreement had been reached. As of midnight, it appeared unlikely that the school year would begin today.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz began another round of negotiations at 11 p.m.

Neeman, at a press conference at the Finance Ministry after three hours of negotiations in the afternoon, said he is trying to get the Histadrut to understand that there is a limit to what the state can afford. Every percentage in additional wages will cost NIS 700 million. Multiply that by seven

[the percentage point gap between what the Treasury is offering and what the Histadrut demands] and you'll see it is something the state cannot afford.

"There is no reason for this strike. There is no reason to harm people in hospitals, hard-luck cases, children who don't go to school, parents who can't go to work. All this is for no reason. I call on the Histadrut and the teachers to return to work. There is no reason now to harm the country's economy."

Neeman said everyone needs to understand that the country can preserve the real wages of the workers, but cannot go beyond that without imposing "new decrees on the public."

President Ezer Weizman called on both sides to end the strike.

Peretz replied to Neeman's comments, saying that "we do not think the Finance Ministry is dealing seriously with the workers. We have given in again and again and again. We reached a situation where there is nothing else to give. Unfortunately, the Finance Ministry is using numbers that have no connection to the negotiations."

Referring to the Treasury's claims that every additional percentage wage increase will cost the state NIS 700m., Peretz said the additional wage increases will not reach NIS 100m. He linked

the Treasury's refusal to give in to the wage demands to the government's current budgetary problems.

"I represent the pensioners and the wage earners," Peretz said, "and I have no intention of selling them out so the government can have more money to distribute to the parties and solve its budget problems."

Peretz held an emergency meeting at the labor federation's headquarters in Jerusalem last night

and called for an intensification of the strike.

The Histadrut is demanding that the Treasury sign a framework agreement for revising wage scales and a wage increase for public sector workers.

The Histadrut is asking for 8%. The Treasury has offered 1.4%, saying that is what is needed to enable the workers to retain their real wages.

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### Who is striking?

- Government offices
- Municipalities, local and regional councils, including sanitation workers
- Religious councils
- National Insurance Institute, Income Tax Authority
- Customs
- Labor exchanges
- Kupat Holim Clalit and its clinics (not including doctors)
- Nurses, administrative workers, and maintenance staff in government hospitals
- WIZO and Na'amat day care centers
- Court employees, excluding judges
- Licensing bureaus
- Bezeq
- Ashdod, Haifa and Eilat ports
- Railways
- Ashdod and Haifa oil refineries
- University administrative workers
- Histadrut offices
- The Post Office, apart from the Postal Bank

### Who may join strike today?

- Banks
- Israel Electric Corporation
- Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
- Ben-Gurion Airport

## Netanyahu, Arafat may meet in US

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, DANNA HARMAN, and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Speculation was rife yesterday regarding a possible summit meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, and US President Bill Clinton in the US later this month. US special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross arrives here on Wednesday to try and bridge gaps between the Israeli and Palestinian positions on the next redeployment.

Both Netanyahu and Arafat are scheduled to travel to the US at the same time to deliver speeches at the opening of the UN General Assembly. Netanyahu will be speaking on September 23, while Arafat is expected to address the assembly on September 28.

Netanyahu has, in the past, indicated he would be willing to meet with Arafat in the US. But chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat

told the Associated Press: "I don't exclude the possibility of a meeting between President Arafat and President Clinton. But as far as a trilateral meeting... I think this will heavily depend on the outcome of Mr. Ross' visit."

In preparation for the visit, high-ranking Palestinian negotiators held a meeting in Ramallah last night to discuss their strategy. They declared that while the PA has agreed to the US proposals, Israel has refrained from doing so.

Meanwhile, Arafat has postponed the release of Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists from Palestinian prisons in response to a request by Netanyahu aide Uzi Arad.

Arafat has recently been in contact with Hamas officials, working with the authorization of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, regarding the release of prisoners, including some 30 Hamas and 25 Islamic Jihad activists.

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## Report: Levy to join Milo

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Gesher leader David Levy has reportedly decided to join Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's new centrist party, Atid. Levy was promised the No. 1 slot unless he decides not to run for prime minister. Channel 1 reported last night, citing sources close to Levy.

Levy met Milo about two weeks ago to discuss a political alliance, but yesterday indicated he had not made up his mind.

Sources close to Levy denied Likud members' statements that if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu makes Levy an attractive enough offer, Levy would prefer returning to the Likud.

"The Netanyahu option doesn't exist anymore," one source said. "Levy is determined to go with Milo."

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## Sharansky threatens to resign over '99 budget

By NINA GILBERT

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky intends to resign from the government tomorrow if the Treasury does not allocate NIS 230 million in funds in the 1999 state budget previously committed for development areas, Sharansky's adviser said last night.

The funds are part of a NIS 500m. sum promised to the development areas under the Gabbai

Committee's decision in 1996 to gradually reduce capital investment aid from 38 percent to 24%, according to the Industry and Trade Ministry.

"Sharansky won't be in the government after the cabinet meeting on Tuesday if the Gabbai budget is not received in full," his adviser said.

"The prime minister knows that a government that doesn't meet its commitments to development areas doesn't have justification to exist," his adviser said.

Sharansky was reportedly livid after learning the Treasury did not plan to transfer all the funds.

He is also furious over the lack of support for industrial research and development.

Yesterday he called the Treasury's proposal to add NIS 50m. to next year's R&D budget a "bad joke," while the government continues to praise the value of the high-tech industry to the economy.

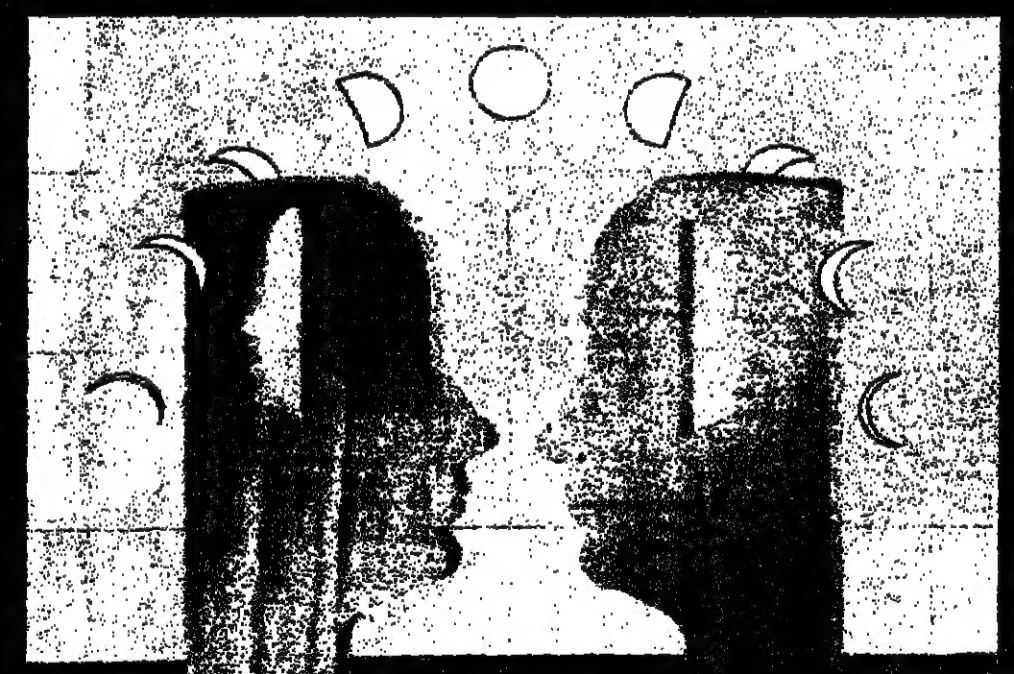
He intends to vote against the budget if the macroeconomic framework for the deficit target of 2% of GDP is maintained.

At the end of August, the Chief Scientist's Office stopped accepting requests for aid this year, due to a NIS 350m. shortfall in funds.

Sharansky is asking for an additional NIS 300m. for the R&D budget in 1999.

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## NEWS

in brief

### Four soldiers injured in tank accident

Four soldiers from a tank unit were injured in a training accident in the Jordan Valley yesterday evening. One was moderately wounded and three were lightly wounded when their tank overturned. The IDF is investigating the accident.

Jerusalem Post Staff

### Panel to prepare for possible surge in aliya

A special ministerial committee is scheduled to convene today to discuss the possibility of a sudden increase in immigration from the former Soviet Union, amid the continuing economic crisis in Russia.

"We are not talking about pogroms over there," said Absorption Ministry spokesman Yehuda Glick. "People don't get up immediately and run away, but many are beginning to think more seriously about leaving."

So far, there has been no noticeable change in the number of immigrants. Since January, some 27,000 new immigrants have come from the former Soviet Union, compared to 31,000 during the same period last year. In August, 3,600 arrived. *Danna Harman*

### Habad prays IDF won't withdraw

Hundreds of Habad hassidim gathered at the Western Wall yesterday evening to pray that the IDF will not carry out a second redeployment. They recited psalms and the Ma'ariv service at the rally, which Rabbi Ze'ev Slonim of Mercaz Yerushalayim organized on behalf of Habad's rabbinical committee. *Tim*

### PM cancels appearance on 'Dan Shilon Live'

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided yesterday to cancel his scheduled appearance on Channel 2's *Dan Shilon Live* after Shilon made light of the Prime Minister's offer last week to take a salary cut.

"It is a shame that Dan Shilon decided to open the TV viewing season by taking a political, one-sided position," said the Prime Minister's Office in a statement announcing the decision. *Danna Harman*

### British Ambassador leaving

British Ambassador David Manning, who is returning home to take a top position, and his wife Catherine held a going away party last night on the lawn of their home in Ramat Gan. Members of the diplomatic corps and friends were in a line that snaked its way around the block waiting to say goodbye to the couple. The Mannings are leaving a year earlier than planned. *Danna Harman*

### Five arrested in attack on ambulance

Jerusalem police yesterday arrested five Palestinians suspected of throwing stones and firebombs at security forces in the Shuafat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem on Saturday, when an Israeli ambulance and its police escort - called to treat a heart attack victim - was attacked. Five policemen and six Palestinians were injured. Police are continuing to search for additional suspects. *Amy Klein*

### Murder suspect's remand extended

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday extended the remand of Etti Michaeli for six days. Michaeli is accused of killing factory owner Simon Michael, and wounding his two sons and a factory worker last week at the factory in northern Jerusalem. Police believe Michaeli and Michal had long-standing dispute over land located between the factory and the adjacent garage that Michaeli owns. *Amy Klein*

### Letter - Hamas fugitive didn't kill bombmaker

A letter purported to be from a wanted member of Hamas rebuffed accusations that he killed the group's top bombmaker in an internal power struggle.

The typewritten letter, signed Imad Awadallah and faxed to Reuters in Jerusalem yesterday, was dated August 18 - three days after Awadallah escaped from a Palestinian Authority prison in Jericho. Palestinian security forces detained Awadallah shortly after Hamas bombmaker Muhi Sharif was killed on March 29 near Ramallah. The security forces alleged Awadallah killed Sharif as part of an internal power struggle in Hamas.

In the letter, Awadallah said a senior Palestinian security official asked him why he killed Sharif. "My reply was: I did not kill anybody," the letter said. *Reuters*

### Palestinian youth prepare for showdown

In anticipation of a showdown with Israel after a Palestinian state is declared in May 1999, 135 young Palestinians yesterday swore to defend Gaza. The 11-20 year-olds, from the Fatah youth organization, have been training for three months in the use of automatic weapons and hand-to-hand combat. Moshe Fogel, director of the Government Press Office, said the arming and training of more Palestinians, however young, is a violation of the peace process because the Palestinian security forces are already much bigger than the Oslo Accords permit. *AP*

# School talks fizzle, then restart

## Union head: Treasury cheated us

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and TIM

Pupils, parents, and teachers again went to bed last night still unsure of whether the school year would begin, after another last-minute blow-up disrupted talks which had earlier appeared finally headed towards a resolution of the teachers' strike.

However, Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell corralled the parties just after the talks broke down, prevented the teachers' representatives from leaving the Treasury, and yet another late-night meeting was launched.

"They tricked us," an angry Histadrut Teachers Union chairman Avraham Ben-Shabbat said after the talks broke down. "But the sad thing is that they didn't just pull a fast one on us, they did it to some two millions pupils. They played with the basic integrity a person has as a citizen, as a civil servant. That's what they played with. So if these people don't have even the most basic credibility, there's simply nothing left to say. We have announced that school will not begin tomorrow."

Ben-Shabbat accused Treasury officials of "doing a Yeminit dance: one step forward, two steps back."

"We won't go back to classes even if it takes a year," he said, and demanded to meet with Finance Minister Yitzhak Neeman, since he no longer had any faith in his representatives.

But Neeman wagged a finger at the teachers in a televised news conference just a short time after they thought they had reached a deal with Neeman's representatives earlier in the day.

"They're simply making fools of us," a Secondary Schools Teachers Association spokeswoman said. She said Treasury officials simply "forgot" about the verbal promises that union officials said the Treasury had made earlier in the day.

Neeman said the situation "is



Michael Sappir (right), 10, holds a sign reading: 'We want to learn,' as several Jerusalem families demonstrate outside the Treasury yesterday evening. After Histadrut Teachers Union chairman Avraham Ben-Shabbat stopped to chat with him, Sappir said he promised him "to try to get us to school tomorrow."

(Brian Heller)

very painful to the almost two million pupils, to the parents, everyone who is hurt. I, as the nation's finance minister, am responsible to the entire public, and I cannot answer wage demands that go beyond maintaining real wages. This is what we promised the workers, and this is what we will do."

The teachers, however, did not take kindly to being made to stand in the corner, especially after they thought they had reached a deal with Neeman's representatives earlier in the day.

"These agreements were on mat-

ters which had previously been concluded with Education Minister Yitzhak Levy regarding payment for accompanying school trips and pay increases for those teachers and principals performing administrative tasks - homework, or some other additional duties, depending on their experience and grade.

Teachers and principals involved in administrative tasks would reportedly have been paid some 25% more according to the proposed new agreement, including those who are retired.

In addition, homeroom teachers and regular teachers were to also receive pay increases for special duties, falling within the 1.9% boost, she said.

The thorny matter of payment for trips was thought to have been resolved, with teachers set to receive NIS 250 per trip which

includes at least one overnight stay during the first year, NIS 400 the next, and NIS 500 the third year, far beyond the NIS 53 a day they currently receive.

Compensation for accompanying pupils on after-school trips to museums or other outings was to be figured on an hourly rate, using the above figures as a basis, she said.

Proper funding and classroom hours for the long school day and for special programs in special education were also reportedly included in the Treasury proposal, according to Histadrut Teachers Union officials.

Yesterday morning and through most of the afternoon, it appeared the strike was well on its way to being settled, especially after the Treasury reportedly upped its offer regarding a real wage increase from 1.4 percent to 1.9%. There

were handshakes between Secondary School Teachers Association chief Ran Erez and Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik, and the sound of school bells did not appear far off.

However, in the evening, when the parties sat down to hammer out the written agreement, Treasury officials "simply forgot about" the verbal agreements, "and we never even got to the 1.9%," the spokeswoman said. "They suddenly said everything related to these agreements no longer existed, that there was no source for funding them."

Kucik said the negotiations "have become a circus," and accused the two unions of competing with each other, thereby preventing agreements. "With such teachers unions, I don't see any way to resolve the dispute anytime soon," he said.

## Local Authorities head warns:

## Education cuts lead to flight to haredi system

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

"The state and state religious education system in Israel is fast approaching a point at which it will lose its liberal, progressive quality, to be replaced by haredi education - which will deepen the social gap in Israel," Shmuel Abuv, chairman of the Union of Local Authorities in Israel's education committee warned yesterday.

Abuv was reacting to yesterday's cabinet discussion on the budget, which calls for cutting 25,000 classroom hours from the education budget and freezing the inclusion of another 500 schools to the long school day program. Abuv said this would translate into NIS 700 million in cuts.

Abuv wrote to Education Minister Yitzhak Levy asking him to fight the cuts, saying that with those cuts already imposed in the past three years, a total of NIS 1.25

billion was being sliced from the education budget.

"Since the cuts began, there has been a massive flight of pupils from the state and state religious systems to haredi education, mainly that affiliated with Shas. Not only are there no cuts [for that system], there are large additional budgets being provided from both the Education and Religious Affairs ministries," Abuv said.

"The Shas schools have a long school day and small class sizes, because they separate boys and girls. The parents don't have to pay fees for books and notebooks. There is free transport and hot meals, so it's no wonder that the number of pupils in the Shas system is increasing annually."

He said a day is fast approaching when the nation's poor children will learn in Shas's schools, while the rich will send their children to private schools.

## Clalit to shut down most clinics on Fridays

By JUDY SIEGEL

Kupat Holim Clalit will shut down most of its community clinics on Fridays, starting this week, due to the government's failure to pay its debts to the health fund.

Clalit will publish ads in the press today announcing this decision, as well as lists of a small number of duty clinics that will take care of emergencies.

Independent doctors who work for Clalit will, however, receive patients on Fridays.

More than 150,000 Clalit members signed petitions of support that will be sent to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in a few days.

Clalit management said it will send a "personal message" to all its members soon to explain the dire financial straits it and the other health funds face because of the government's failure to transfer over NIS 600 million in debts

and loans to the insurers.

The Treasury has made the transfer of funds conditional on the health funds' signing an agreement limiting their expenditures but without setting down the extent of their income for next year.

Meanwhile, the government hospitals will not institute an emergency schedule today, after Health Minister Yehoshua Matza managed to persuade the Treasury to postpone for six weeks the implementation of instructions by the Treasury's accountant general to operate according to their actual financial condition instead of their approved budgets.

This would have meant they could not purchase vital equipment or make other expenditures without having cash to back it up.

In a meeting between Matza and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman last night, it was agreed that joint

ministry teams would meet and try to resolve the issue of government debts to the health funds and the insurers' resultant debts to the public hospitals.

In yesterday's cabinet meeting, there was an unpleasant exchange between Matza and Neeman over the issue.

Matza said he told the government hospital directors to ignore the instructions of the Accountant-General's Office and to continue to purchase vital equipment they needed to treat patients.

When Neeman said such instructions were "illegal," Matza countered that "I ask you to sue me for preventing a strike in the hospitals. For that I'm willing to violate the law."

Matza subsequently sent a letter to both Netanyahu and Neeman, explaining it was "unconscionable that the state hospitals should have to absorb the debts of the health funds."

## STRIKE

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In addition, the Histadrut wants the government to put an end to the practice of hiring workers through personnel companies, thereby not having to pay them benefits, and is demanding that those currently employed in such arrangements be placed on payroll.

At a press conference earlier in the day, Peretz attacked workers who crossed the picket lines and showed up for work, calling them "traitors" and "cowards who work with their managers against their co-workers. It is too bad that we have to give these workers the wage increases. Those same workers who are breaking the strike today are always the first ones in line to get their salary increase."

He also took Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander to task for sending supervisors to government offices to see if the workers' committees were preventing others from coming to work.

Hollander defended the move, saying that "we received complaints from workers in certain ministries that workers' committees threatened them, prevented them from entering, and locked doors. That is illegal. We will not ignore a situation where there are threats or doors are locked. I see my job as enforcing the law in this area as well. I respect the right to strike, but freedom to strike is also conditional on obeying the law."

## LEVY

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Levy reportedly accepted Milo's suggestion that the list's candidate for prime minister will be determined on the basis of a poll held close to the elections to see who had the best chances of beating Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak.

But other sources said Milo had offered Levy the leadership of the new party, or No. 2 if Levy decides not to run for prime minister. Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav (Likud) launched an initiative to bring Levy and other Likud mavericks back to the party, warning of a possible rift in the party. Katsav said at an activists' gathering in Tel Aviv that "there is no reason for Levy, Dan Meridor, [Ze'ev] Benny Begin, and others to leave the Likud. If they want to, they can run [for leadership] within the party."

Katsav said Netanyahu knows of his initiative and said he was certain the prime minister supports it. Milo, who is also negotiating with Meridor to join his list, last month met former chief of general staff Amnon Lipkin Shabak and offered him the Defense portfolio.

Shabak, who has not yet made it known whether he intends to enter politics, met MK Haim Ramon (Labor) last Friday to discuss the possibility of forming a centrist party.

Shabak also met Barak, who promised him the Defense portfolio and the No. 2 slot on the party's Knesset list should he join Labor.

## MEET

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PA minister of Planning and International Cooperation Nabil Sha'ath said Israel has not made any concessions regarding the extradition of Palestinian fugitives or reducing the Palestinian Police force. He added that the document drawn up during recent meetings between Netanyahu and Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei does not mention the third stage of West Bank redeployment, the halt of settlement construction, or security and interim phase commitments.

At yesterday's cabinet meeting, Netanyahu said he had not met with Qurei in the past five weeks and refrained from discussing the draft document.

Palestinian and US officials are slated to meet tomorrow to discuss last December's agreement and find methods to allow for its implementation. While Rose's visit was the result of a telephone call between Clinton, Netanyahu, and Arafat.

Arafat will meet with Turkish Prime Minister Massoud Yelmez in Ramallah tomorrow to discuss the peace process.

Ahmed Hashim Zuhayar, chairman of the PLC Jerusalem Committee, said in an interview with Dr. Aaron Lerner, director of Independent Media Review & Analysis, that if negotiations fail, he doubts Arafat will call for the establishment of a Palestinian state next May unless the PA gains control of Jerusalem.

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# Turkey, Jordan defend military cooperation

## Turkish PM: Ties with Israel not an alliance

AMMAN (Reuters) - Turkey and Jordan yesterday defended their close military cooperation and rejected charges they are forming a powerful regional alliance with Israel.

"Our intention is to make our contribution to the peace and stability in the region," Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz said in Amman, his first leg of a Middle East mini-tour before he travels to Israel today.

Yilmaz said his country's growing military ties with Jordan and Israel, which have provoked fears in the Arab and Islamic world of a new military axis in the Middle East, pose no threat to other states.

"Our military cooperation with Israel is not directed at any country in the region, and therefore cannot be regarded as an alliance," Yilmaz told reporters after meeting Crown Prince Hassan.

Syria, Egypt, and Iran have all spoken out against Turkey's growing ties with Israel. Jordan has also faced criticism for its involvement in what some Arab states see as a

burgeoning three-way alliance.

But despite Jordan's close military coordination with Turkey, including joint army maneuvers and plans for fighters to train in each others' airspace, officials dismiss suggestions Amman is siding with Ankara in a military pact.

"We made it clear time and again that we are not part of any coalition or alliance of a security nature," Prime Minister Faysal Tarawneh said.

Syria fears military cooperation between its three neighbors - none of them sympathetic to Damascus - will leave it encircled by an enemy coalition.

But Jordanian officials say Syria, which has close relations with Iran and Russia and is mending fences with Iraq after nearly two decades of hostility, is no stranger to political alliances.

"I do hope that those of you... who are concerned with regional alliances would look at Syria, look at Iraq, look at Iran... and ask yourselves how many bilateral relations

have developed over the years in terms of security," Hassan said.

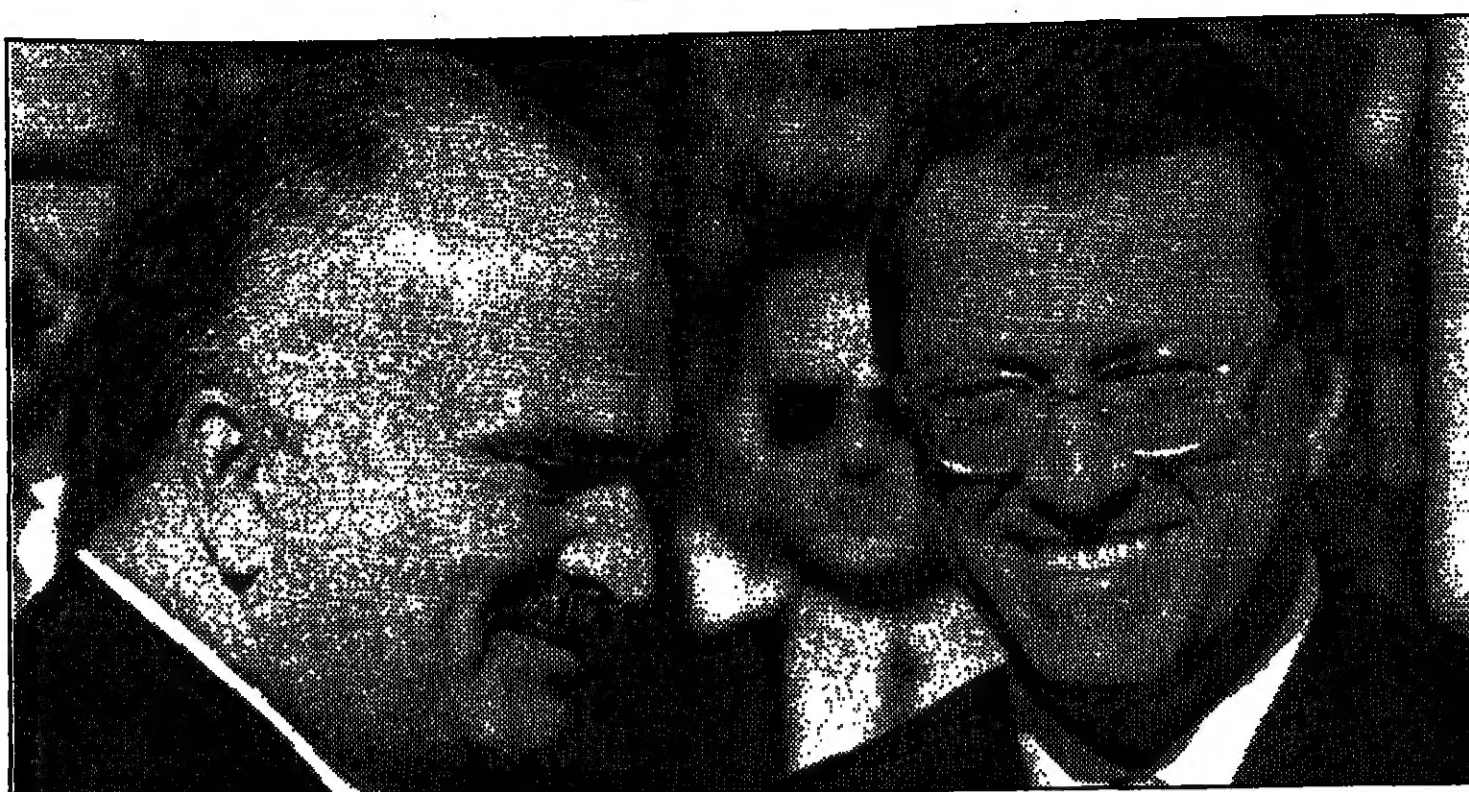
Turkey's ambassador to Amman, Suha Omar, also dismissed the idea of an emerging military pact, but said cooperation with Jordan "has reached the point where I can say the Jordanian and Turkish military forces are one."

The two countries have exchanged companies of soldiers for training on each other's territory and next year plan to upgrade the exchange to brigade level, he said.

Jordanian pilots will fly their F-16s in training missions over Turkey next year - Turkish pilots will do the same in Jordan - and there are plans to cooperate in servicing them, Omar said.

The two navies may also train together, he added.

"We are promoting, strengthening our bilateral relations... with Jordan, and we are going to do it with Israel, but we are not going to put all these things together and come up with the stupid idea of a pact," Omar said.



Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan (left) welcomes Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz who arrived in Amman yesterday. (Reuters)

## Hebron Jews decry police 'witch hunt'

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Members of the Jewish community in Hebron expressed outrage over the recent police "witch hunt" of Jewish settlers, which it charges is one sided and unfair. Police and security forces instead should concentrate their efforts on capturing the terrorists who murdered Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anani in Tel Rumeida last month, they said.

Two Jewish teens from Hebron who are suspected of overturning Palestinians' vegetable stalls in the Israeli-controlled sector of the city last week were detained for questioning by police yesterday.

Judea and Samaria Police Spokesman Opher Sivan said the investigation had been completed and the youths were released later in the day into the custody of a third party. Sivan said police still must question a number of other suspects and may question the two youths again, but that he expects

charges will be pressed against the youths.

Meanwhile, Hebron police questioned Baruch Marzel yesterday. Marzel allegedly threatened a Palestinian policeman on Saturday night on the road leading to Tel Rumeida, where he had organized a vigil to protest the firebomb and stonings Palestinians threw into the area last week. Police said that Marzel stopped a Palestinian Police vehicle and threatened its occupant.

The Palestinian policeman lodged a complaint over the incident with Hebron police.

Marzel said that police detained him in order to halt the vigil, which began on Saturday and was broken up by police last night. One Palestinian was reportedly arrested.

Some 20 Jewish women protested outside IDF headquarters in Hebron yesterday evening against police's failure to address Palestinian harassment of Hebron's Jewish residents.

## OC Manpower: Reservists should be released at 36

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

If outgoing OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer had his way, Israeli soldiers would be paid competitive salaries and reservists would be released from duty at age 36.

But Sheffer, who retires this month, said he doesn't expect to see a shortening of compulsory military duty for some time.

Sheffer, a veteran combat pilot who is ending three years as head of the IDF Manpower Command, said that one in two 18-year-old Israelis did not serve in the IDF. These included Arabs, haredim and others who win exemption from service.

For this reason, he believes soldiers will want to know what the state is doing for them for carrying the burden of defense.

"The day is not far when we will have compulsory service for pay," Sheffer said.

Sheffer completely ruled out a volunteer army, saying that Israel will forever need to be able to rely on high-quality men and women. According to Sheffer, the best youth won't join a volunteer army.

"Today, IDF officers belong to the top three deciles of society," Sheffer said.

Still, Sheffer believes that the conscripted forces should be paid a serious wage in the future.

"[Having] a compulsory service demands that a fair remuneration be paid. Today there is no fair remuneration, only living allowances. The payment that the State of Israel will have to pay its regular soldiers needs to be a lot higher," Sheffer told military reporters.

According to current IDF figures, only one in three Israeli men eligible for reserve duty actually serves, and even this figure will decline in the future. He said that the IDF's ability to rely less and less on the reserves is due to the growing number of youth joining the army born in the baby boom a generation ago and the immigrants.

Furthermore, Sheffer said that within the next five years reservists serving in combat units will serve only until the age of 36 and not 45 as it is today.

By the year 2000, reservists only will be called for operational duty every two years, Sheffer said. He also said that the number of recruits will level off by the year 2000-2003 and that cutting the length of service only will be considered years from now.

According to Sheffer, the rate of motivation is at a high with the number of recruits volunteering for combat units totally filling field units. This year, 86 percent of soldiers queried said they wanted to serve in combat units, compared to just 76 percent two years ago.

Sheffer said that the IDF was opening up many areas for female soldiers and these include some combat units in rear echelon positions. This month, women were allowed to participate in the IAF's anti-aircraft unit.

He tried to dodge questions on the deferments being given to yeshiva students. But he eventually said that it was inevitable for all citizens to be obligated to perform some kind of compulsory or national service.

## Mordechai postpones IDF jubilee

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The gala jubilee commemoration of the IDF and Defense Ministry scheduled for Thursday at Latrun has been postponed, because Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai didn't like its content.

Mordechai ordered the event postponed yesterday afternoon after he was shown the program and felt it didn't project the right message.

It was decided not to hold the celebration on Thursday, since it

only allowed four days to make changes and that was not enough time.

Defense sources said Mordechai wanted to see more messages of values and less pomp and circumstance in the commemoration.

Invitations had already been sent, and the event was to have been attended by President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz.

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## Expert: Okev fit to stand trial for killing tourist

A prosecution psychiatrist testified yesterday that Daniel Okev, 45, who killed a British tourist and wounded the victim's girl friend, is competent to stand trial.

Roberto Mester was testifying at the Beersheba District Court in the case of Okev, a former paratrooper officer who has confessed to shooting and killing Jeffrey Hunter, 22, and wounding Hunter's girlfriend, Charlotte Gibb.

The two tourists were hitchhiking in August 1997 in the South when Okev gave them a ride and then stopped at an isolated spot in the desert and shot them.

Okev claims that he did this because he was traumatized by service in a special army unit code-named Rimmon. The unit allegedly assassinated Palestinians believed to be terrorist leaders in the Gaza Strip in the early 1970s, his lawyer David Yiftach said.

The former commander of the unit, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Meir Dagan, testified earlier about Okev's experiences, but the testimony



Daniel Okev (Avi Malouf)

was heard behind closed doors.

Yiftach is to cross-examine the prosecution's psychiatrist today. He will also call a psychiatrist for the defense, who will testify that Okev is not competent to stand trial or - if the court rules that he is - that he had "diminished responsibility" for the killing due to his mental condition, Yiftach said. (AP)

## US teen murder suspect can be extradited

By BAT SHEVA TSUR

A teenager suspected of committing a brutal murder in Maryland last September is eligible for extradition to the US even though he holds Israeli citizenship, Jerusalem District Court ruled yesterday.

Judge Moshe Ravid said that although he accepted the defendant's claim to citizenship, the teenager could not escape extradition since he had no close ties with Israel.

But the teenager, whose name cannot be mentioned because he is a minor, is hardly likely to be extradited in the near future. The court gave the defense 50 days to appeal the decision. If brought before the Supreme Court, the case could drag on for months.

Attorney David Liba'i, who has been battling to keep the teen in Israel on the grounds that he is an Israeli citizen, said immediately he would appeal within one month.

At yesterday's session, cameramen mobbed the teenager, who was handcuffed to a policeman as he entered the packed courtroom. His father, mother and brother sat in the front row.

The verdict was delayed for more than an hour because of the strike in the courts.

As he listened to the ruling, the

teenager maintained the same expressionless look he had in previous sessions. He made no attempt to establish contact with his parents, although his brother put his arm on his shoulder. His mother wiped away her tears as the verdict was read.

In the 56-page ruling, Ravid said that although the youth had Israeli citizenship conferred on him, he could be extradited because he had not maintained close ties with the country.

"Citizenship conferred through a blood relationship is automatic and does not require knowledge or acceptance," Ravid said. "It is accorded whether the beneficiary wants it or not."

The defendant received his citizenship from his father, who was born here before the state was established and lived most of his life in the US.

Ravid noted that the youth had an American passport "and used it when he came to Israel [last September]... he has no ties with this country."

He added: "If he has no duties towards Israel and reminds himself of his Israeli citizenship only when the sword of justice hangs over him, why should he benefit from Israel's protection?"

But Liba'i said that "one cannot be an Israeli citizen only with respect to

certain laws and not with respect to others. This is a legal innovation.

"There cannot be different types of Israeli citizens."

The youth's family is eager to have him tried in Israel, where murder by minors is punished less severely than in the US. They also say they fear for the boy's life in a US jail.

Attorney Irit Kahn, who represented the state, expressed satisfaction with the verdict. She said the youth had never invoked his Israeli citizenship before and that the matter was raised only when he fled.

"Israel cannot become a haven for criminals," she said.

US Embassy officials also expressed satisfaction and said they hoped the extradition would not be held up long.

The youth fled to Israel last September, a few days after the mutilated body of Alfredo Tello, 19, was discovered in a vacant lot near his parents' home. A second suspect in the murder, Aaron Needle, hanged himself in April, one day before his trial was scheduled to begin in Montgomery County.

The father of the defendant, a patent lawyer, is also wanted by US authorities for allegedly driving the youth to the airport when he fled to Israel. He reportedly sold the family home and arrived in Israel a few months ago.



The father of the youth suspected of last year's Maryland murder awaits the court's verdict yesterday. (AP)

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# Court: Old-age homes must state costs of nursing wings

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In a precedent-setting ruling, the Supreme Court yesterday ordered old-age homes to state in advance how much it costs to receive care in their nursing wings.

The ruling followed a case brought to the court by the family of the late Hinda Milgrom, who died in the Mishan old-aged home in Ra'anana in 1993.

Ten years prior to that, Milgrom signed a contract with Mishan - the Histadrut-owned, old-age home - to pay a lump sum of money for living in their facility in Ramat Aviv.

At the time, she was told she would have to also pay a monthly maintenance fee and that if it was necessary to transfer her to a nursing ward the contract would cover that too.

But the contract did not state how much the nursing fees would be or which services would be covered in the nursing ward, lawyer David Schor, who represented the family, told the court.

In 1993, Milgrom suffered a stroke and was transferred to the nursing ward at Mishan in

Ra'anana.

"Instead of a two-room apartment, she was given a bed and a bedside table in a room with several other women and was forced to pay five or six times more," Schor said.

The lump sum which she paid to enter the first Mishan facility was not returned and so she could not go to a different home.

"The people who are transferred to nursing wards do not dare complain, because they are at the mercy of the staff," Schor said. "Most of them also cannot afford to pay lawyer's fees because of the high cost of the care."

Schor said that many family members helping to pay for their parents were becoming impoverished.

"I know of an air stewardess who takes home meals from the airline [illegally], because she doesn't have extra money to buy food and an engineer who is working in two jobs because he has two parents in nursing wings," he said.

When Milgrom died four months later, her family decided to take the issue to court. Milgrom herself had asked that they do some-

thing to relieve the suffering of the elderly, Schor said.

They asked the court to rule that the fees for nursing care be stipulated in advance so that the families would know what their obligations would be and could consider other options.

The request was rejected by both the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court and District Court. The decision was appealed to the Supreme Court, where Court President Aharon Barak, his deputy Shlomo Goren and Justice Theodor Orr heard the case.

Asked to express an opinion, the attorney-general wrote: "There is public importance to this case... [it affects] a relatively weak sector of the population."

The Israel Consumers' Council also noted the importance of the question.

Yesterday the court overturned the lower courts and ruled that an old-age home with a nursing wing must state, when signing a contract with a new entrant, what the nursing fees are at the time and how much they will be adjusted in the future.



Hold your nose

A man adds more trash to the some 4,000 tons of garbage that accumulated on the streets of Tel Aviv since municipal sanitation workers went on strike Thursday. (Israel Sun)

## 9 women murdered by partners this year

By AMY KLEIN and news agencies

The murder of a woman by her husband in Ashdod Friday night was the ninth incident this year in which a woman was murdered by her partner, said Na'amat spokeswoman Carmel Eitan yesterday.

Benny Solomon, 50, killed his wife Rina, 42, wounded his eldest son, and then killed himself, because he suspected his wife was cheating on him, police said.

No complaint was ever filed against the father, Lachish region police spokeswoman Michal Haim said. "Even some of the close family members didn't know what was going on, because the family was reluctant to involve anyone," Haim said.

The two younger children weren't told their mother was dead until Saturday, Anat Alon, the social worker caring for the children told Army Radio yesterday. The children were not angry at

their father, she said. "As far as I understand from the children, he wasn't a bad man."

But Rina's sister Hannah Shluker told Army Radio that her sister was always very afraid of her husband. "My sister always said she wanted to divorce him. They had a lot of problems since she married him, but she was very scared. She didn't want to go to the police; she didn't want any problems."

Benny tried to strangle Rina to death about two months ago, Shluker recently discovered. "Benny thought she had a boyfriend, but it wasn't true."

"This is a classic case of a woman who couldn't identify her own life-threatening situation," said Na'amat Director Hedva Almog, adding that even without a history of physical violence the relationship could have murderous potential.

She called on the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry to begin a

massive campaign to publicize the telephone numbers of women's organizations or centers for the prevention of violence, so that women in distress can get the help they need.

"Men who kill or beat their wives usually suffer from a sick jealousy and think they have no existence outside their wives," said Hadass Goldblatt, a family therapist and doctoral student in family violence. She said these men have "abandonment anxiety" - which stems from childhood feelings of being abandoned by their caretakers - and said they would be moved to murder if they suspect their wife would cheat on them. "The man thinks, 'If she leaves me I am nothing, and the only way we can be together is to kill her and then myself.'"

Goldblatt emphasized that these men should not be classified as psychotic, because that would allow society to marginalize the

problem. Society's norms - in the culture, sexist attitudes, TV, education - contribute to violent behavior, she said, and the main way to change these norms is through education.

The Solomon children, like most children living in violent families, can overcome the trauma if they undergo proper therapy, Goldblatt said.

Boys and girls relate differently to familial violence, said Chaya Leonov, director of WIZO's shelter for battered women. The boys relate to their father and might become abusers, and the girls might end up as victims in an abusive relationship, she said. Some 500,000 children live "in the shadow of violence."

WIZO has proposed the Knesset enact a bill for speedy trials in cases of family violence. The bill stipulates that an abusive partner would be detained and tried within seven days.

## US scholar says Ark of the Covenant buried in PA-controlled area

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - A California-based biblical scholar believes he has located the burial site of the Ark of the Covenant in the West Bank.

The presumed site is near the village of Dhahiriya, at the southern edge of the West Bank in an area under Palestinian Authority control. British-born Michael Sanders, 58, a publisher of classical university texts, has based his theory on satellite images, coupled with ancient papyrus documents from the British Museum and other accounts.

Sanders, who has spent more than 25 years researching biblical history, now is planning an expedition to the site, where he believes he has detected the configuration of an Egyptian temple that may have been built over the burial site of the

Ark.

"There will be archeologists with us," he told London's *Sunday Times* yesterday, "but the search for the Ark is bound to be more of a treasure hunt than a classical archeological dig."

The Ark of the Covenant, which contains the Ten Commandments that were inscribed at Mount Sinai, is believed to have disappeared from Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem after a raid by an Egyptian king in the 10th century BCE. Its location has never been discovered and is one of the most enduring and fascinating biblical mysteries.

Sanders believes the Ark was seized by Egyptian King Shishak when Solomon's Temple was plundered in 925 BCE, the first in a series of raids on Jerusalem.

He says papyrus documents in the British Museum have identified an Egyptian temple at the southern end of the West Bank, beneath which the Ark may have been buried in a post-battle ritual, according to pharaonic tradition.

"This temple is referred to in the papyrus as a 'mysterious house in the land of Zabi,' which Sanders said is a reference to the god Amun Ra.

In 1830, US explorer Edward Robinson walked the route that had been taken by the invading Egyptians and found ancient ruins at Dhahiriya.

Satellite images also have revealed ruins at the southern end of the village, which Sanders believes are the remains of the Egyptian temple.

"The village is still there and is

the most likely resting place of the tablets of stone," Sanders said. "If the Egyptians had just seized the most sacred religious codes from the people they had invaded, they would have laid them in the foundations of their new temple."

Jonathan Tubb, an expert in Syrian and Palestinian archeology at the British Museum, said he did not believe that the Ark of the Covenant was a fantasy and that it was "very reasonable" to suggest that was the first time it could have been removed from Solomon's Temple.

"If an Egyptian temple can be identified, it would be a great place to dig," he said. "It could solve all sorts of mysteries."

## Report: Group allegedly spying for Israel arrested in Lebanon

Suspects said to have sent information to Mossad in Cyprus

BEIRUT (AP) - More than 20 people, including a woman, have been arrested on suspicion of spying for Israel, a Beirut newspaper reported yesterday.

Ad Diyar newspaper said the arrests followed a security sweep carried out by the Lebanese Army in the neighborhood of Chiyeh in Beirut's southern suburbs in the past few days.

The suspects were providing a Cyprus-based branch of the Mossad with information, the paper said, quoting unidentified "informed sources."

It did not say what kind of information the suspects

allegedly gave to the Mossad. The network was uncovered based on information from a Lebanese suspected of being a spy for Israel and of helping the IDF in the assassination of Amal military commander Husam Amin in south Lebanon last month, the paper said.

Amin was killed when a missile fired from an Israeli attack helicopter struck his car in south Lebanon.

The paper's report could not immediately be confirmed by security officials. The latest arrests were believed to be separate from a spy ring that the gov-

ernment said it uncovered on July 8.

Then, Lebanon accused 77 people of passing information to Israel on Lebanese and Syrian troop movements and the activities of Lebanese gunmen.

At the time, officials said 17 of the suspects were under arrest and the remaining 60 were at large.

Government Prosecutor Nasri Lahoud said the 77 faced charges for "the crimes of contacting the Israeli enemy and its agents" and passing information to them. If convicted, the suspects could face the death penalty.

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## NEWS

in brief

### Nationalists claim victory in Malta election

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Nationalist leader Eddie Fenech Adami yesterday claimed election victory over the governing socialists for his conservative party, which is advocating putting Malta back on track for EU membership. Labor leader and Prime Minister Alfred Sant, conceding defeat, announced that he had handed in his resignation to Malta's president.

### North Korea makes Kim de facto head of state

SEOUL (Reuters) — North Korea made Kim Jong-il its de facto head of state on Saturday, but stopped short of making him president, a move which analysts said underlined his lack of confidence in overcoming the severe crisis in the country.

The Stalinist state's parliament on Saturday re-elected Kim, the son of late "Great Leader" President Kim Il-sung, as the chairman of the enhanced National Defense Commission. It abolished the post of president and instead hailed the late Kim as the country's "eternal president" and called chairman of the National Defense Commission "the highest post of the state."

### Rwanda army kills 100 Hutus, say officials

KIGALI (Reuters) — Rwanda forces killed more than 100 Hutu rebels after they raided a prison and freed about 350 inmates in the western region of Kibuye, officials said yesterday. Minister in the president's office Patrick Muzimbaka said the rebels were killed on Friday by the Rwandan army, supported by local inhabitants, after they tried to storm the local prison and set fire to local government offices.

### Pope urges prayers, not horoscopes, psychics

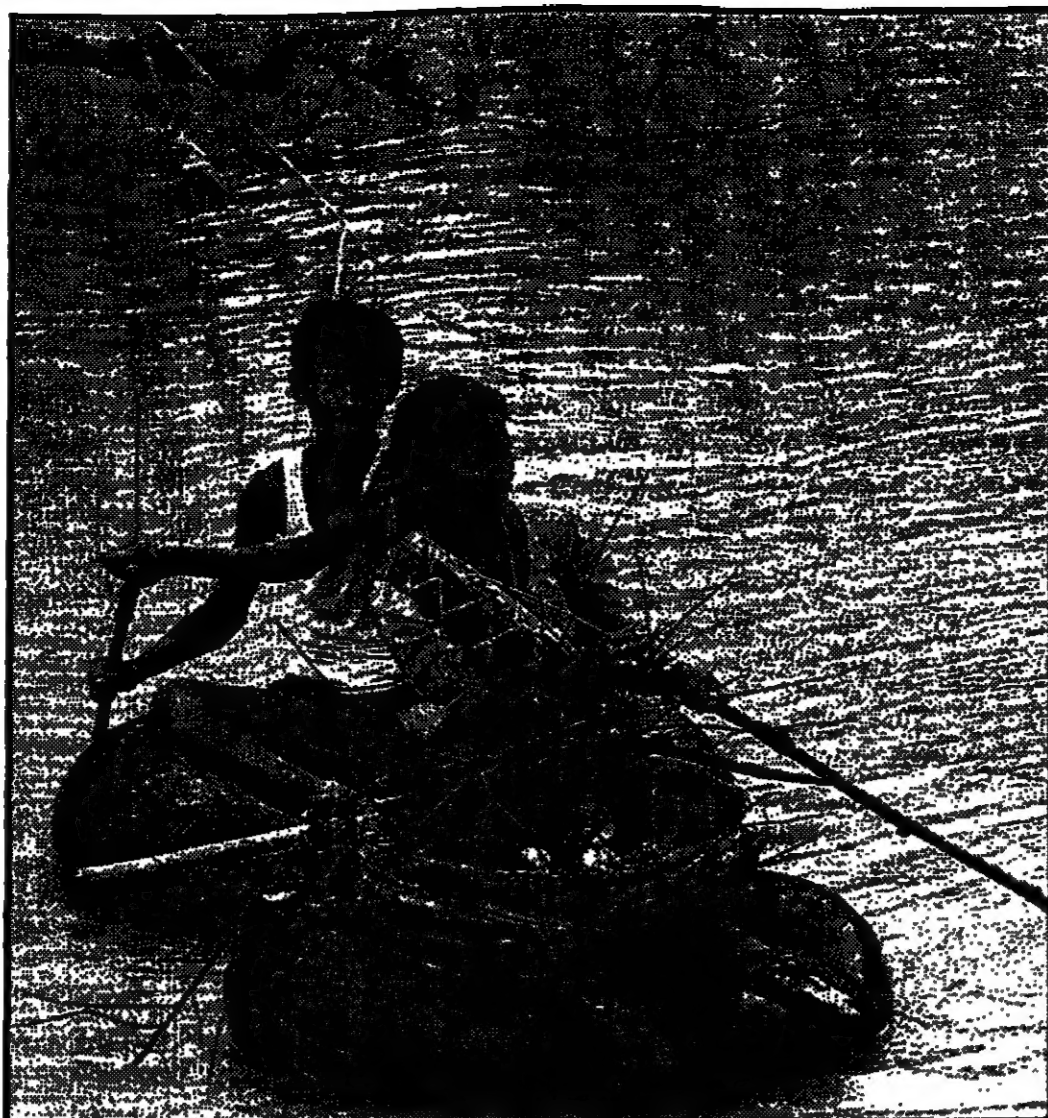
CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II urged people yesterday to turn to prayer rather than psychics and astrology when they're looking for guidance, delivering a tough message in a nation where horoscopes and lucky lotto numbers preoccupy many. John Paul, speaking from his window at his summer retreat outside Rome, noted it was a time of year when many were returning to school, returning to work and laying plans for the future.

### Woodward: I've had 50 marriage proposals

LONDON (AP) — Louise Woodward, the former au pair convicted of killing an American baby, says she has had some 50 proposals of marriage from lovesick suitors, *The Sunday Times* reported yesterday. "I tend to get a lot of gifts from them. Valentine things like flowers and chocolates," Woodward, 20, was quoted as saying in her first newspaper interview since returning to Britain. "You always get people who see a picture or your face on TV and fall in love with it. They tend to keep my photograph by their bed."

### Georgian stowaway mistakes Egypt for US

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egyptian authorities have captured a Georgian stowaway who threw himself into the Suez Canal after he mistook it for the territorial waters of the US, security sources said yesterday. They said Khesheir Zebadi hid himself on board a Yemenite ship that was sailing from the former Soviet republic of Georgia to the US. Thinking he had arrived, Zebadi threw himself overboard after the ship docked in Egypt on Friday to pick up supplies.



Flood misery

Villagers look for firewood and food on a raft made of truck tires near Gorakhpur late last week. A severe flood that has hit the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh has killed over 1,500 people and rendered millions homeless as well as doing an immense amount of damage to crops.

(AP)

### Protestant leader rejects Sinn Fein handshake

BELFAST (AP) — The Protestant leader of Northern Ireland's new assembly said yesterday he will not shake hands with Gerry Adams, president of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein Party, in their first one-on-one meeting this week. But Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble, first minister in the new assembly provided for in the peace agreement in this British province, said he was confident the Irish Republican Army now faces surrendering its weapons quickly or

being exposed as a holdout. Meanwhile, a policeman was hospitalized with critical head injuries and another one was less seriously hurt in clashes Saturday between Protestants and Catholics in Portadown, 40 kilometers from Belfast. The clashes, involving up to 700 people at the peak, erupted while US President Clinton wound up a visit to both parts of Ireland and hailed the peace agreement as an example to the rest of the world.

### Iran's Khamenei: No clash with Taleban

By FEROUZ SEDARAT

TEHERAN (Reuters) — Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has ruled out any military confrontation with the Taleban in Afghanistan, a leading Iranian newspaper reported yesterday. But tension remains high between the two rival Moslem states over the fate of 11 Iranian diplomats and a journalist missing since Taleban fighters overran the northern opposition stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif a month ago. The Taleban warned yesterday of

a regional "fireball" if Iran turns border maneuvers by a 70,000-man force of elite Republican Guards, paratroopers, and commandos into an invasion. "In a question-and-answer session at the Teachers Training University, Ayatollah Khamenei responded that he was personally following the developments... related to Afghanistan," the *Teheran Times* said. "He assured that there will be no confrontation with Taleban."

It was the first published account of Khamenei's remarks, which the newspaper said were made last Thursday. Noorullah Zadran, Taleban spokesman at the United Nations, said: "If the war is imposed upon us, I believe that it will have a domino effect... and I believe that that would turn the entire region into a fireball." "I would not be surprised if some of the most deadly weapons, which have never been used in that area, would be used, which would certainly involve the interests of the Western world," he told the BBC.

### Divers find Swissair flight recorder

PEGGY'S COVE, Nova Scotia (Reuters) — Divers yesterday retrieved one of the two flight recorders from Swissair Flight 111 which crashed into the ocean with 229 people on board, a Canadian air safety official said. "I have been recently advised that one of the two flight recorders has been recovered this afternoon," Vic Gerden, chief investigator of the Canadian Transportation Safety Board, told a news conference. Director of operations Capt. Roger Girouard said the search was hampered by rough weather and the limited time divers could spend on the bottom, 58

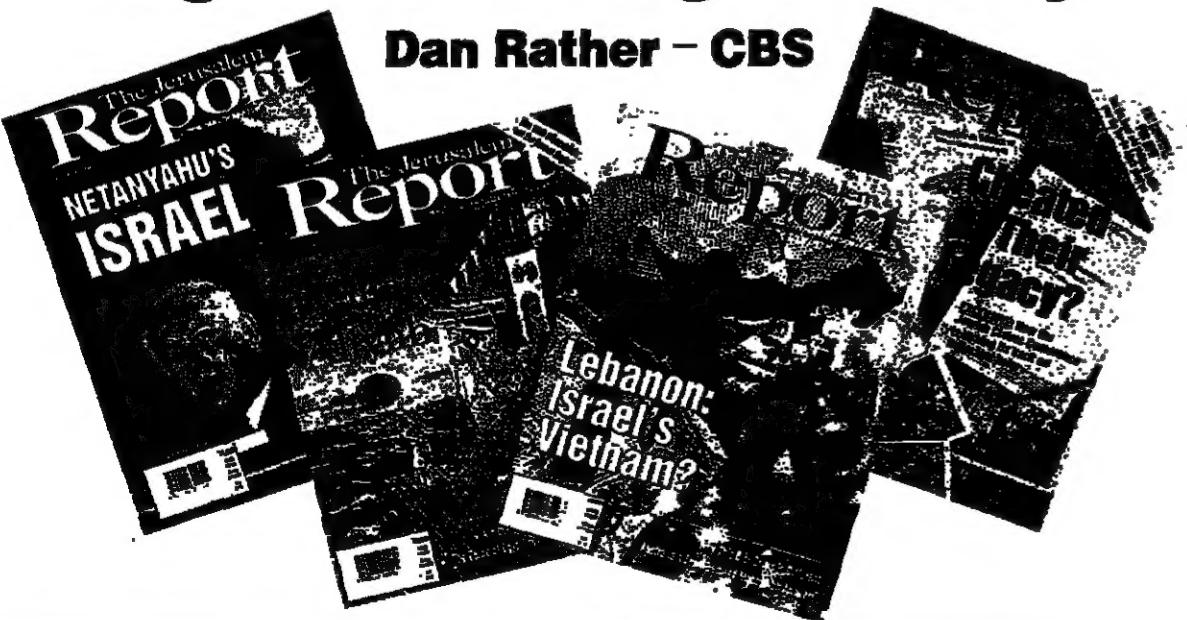
meters below the surface. "The pinger is very difficult to localize... the bottom is very complicated," Girouard said, referring to a transponder attached to the "black box" recorders. "The dive time for the divers is very short... their bottom time is about 10 minutes, it's a long and arduous task," he told CNN. He added that the US Navy is sending a salvage ship, due to arrive at the scene on Wednesday, to help in the search for debris and bodies. According to excerpts from the recorded conversation between the flight crew and air traffic controllers in Moncton, New Brunswick, the airliner was heading northeast at an altitude of 10,000 meters about 70 nautical miles from Halifax when the crew radioed they had smoke in the cockpit. "Swissair 111 heavy is declaring Pan Pan Pan. We have smoke in the cockpit, request deviate immediate right turn to a convenient place, I guess Boston," the flight crew radioed at about 9:14 p.m. EDT. "Pan" is a distress call similar to "Mayday."

"Would you prefer to go into Halifax?" the air traffic controller asked. The pilot turned left, northward toward Halifax airport.

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Jay Mohr plays the son-and-heir role taken by Al Pacino in 'The Godfather,' which Jim Abrahams' 'Mafia!' parodies.

## An offer you can refuse



By Adina Hoffman

**M**afia! is a broad grab-bag of a spoof, directed and co-written by Jim Abrahams of *Kentucky Fried Movie* and *Airplane!* renown. As in those other deliberately low-brow lampoons (which he wrote with Jerry and David Zucker, who are notably absent here), Abrahams works in a frenetic and physical way, relying mostly for laughs on whoopee-cushion

humor: every door that's flung open whacks someone in the face, flautence jokes are relentlessly featured, there's a funeral scene in

MAFIA!

Directed by Jim Abrahams. Screenplay by Abrahams, Greg Norberg and Michael McManus. Hebrew title: *Taot b'tandak*. 84 minutes. English (with a little Italian) dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested. With Jay Mohr, Lloyd Bridges, Billy Burke, Olympia Dukakis.

which all the guests join together in a cathartic session of projectile vomiting, and of course the whole picture relies for its logic — if such a word can be used to describe the nonsensical storyline — on a fast

and furious array of rusty pop cultural references.

One wonders just who Abrahams and his co-writers Greg Norberg and Michael McManus mean to entertain with their adolescent satire of the *Godfather* trilogy and the later films of Martin Scorsese. (Along the way, there are also quickie parodies of *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *The English Patient* and, of all things, *Showgirls*, a movie that demands no lampoon, so hilariously rotten was the original.) *Mafia!* begins with a fiery send-up of the opening of Scorsese's *Casino*, a mediocre work in itself, and one that few of this picture's younger viewers are likely to have seen.

The *Godfather* movies do at least seem a more legitimate target for burlesque in that they hold an agreed-upon place in the consciousness of most adult filmgoers — though again I doubt seri-

ously that many of the children at whom this movie's crude playground humor seems aimed will have any clue whatsoever about Don Corleone and crew. *Mafia!* uses a Scorsese-styled voiceover to tell the story of the Cortino crime family's rise to power, from their humble beginnings in the town of Salomella, Sicily. In one of his final performances, the late Lloyd Bridges appears as the klutzy patriarch (mercifully, he spares us a Brando imitation) and Jay Mohr plays the Pacino son/their role, segueing intermittently into the De Niro Las Vegas entrepreneur part from *Casino*.

Although most of the TV sketch-styled comedy feels extremely forced, a smattering of these bits are sort of amusing. Abrahams is best when he's working in a bargain-basement Mel Brooks mode, using asides little literalisms and inversions of

expectation: a laborer, for instance, pushes a cart past with a large box marked "box," and upon his arrival on Ellis Island the young Godfather-to-be is given a pamphlet instructing him "How To Speak English With An Italian Accent." At one point a woman discovers she had a child she never knew about: "You mean... I'm a mother!"

For the most part, though, the various gags are vulgar, mean and strangely depressing. While I do remember laughing out loud at similar stunts in *Airplane!*, in its day, I was — we all were — younger then, and the first time through these routines were fresh, energetic and irreverent, almost spontaneous in their silliness. By now, they just seem warmed-over. Abrahams' sense of humor hasn't evolved in the last 18 years. He's turned his earlier arrested development into a life sentence.

## Film director Akira Kurosawa dies at 88

By SHIGEHASHI KIMURA

**A**kira Kurosawa, the internationally acclaimed director awarded a special Oscar for his half-century career in filmmaking, died at his home yesterday, a spokesman for his production company said. He was 88.

Kurosawa's films included epics such as *The Seven Samurai* and the Oscar-winning *Rashomon*, the first Japanese film to win an international award.

His work inspired a generation of directors both in Japan and in the U.S.

The director died yesterday afternoon in his Tokyo home, said Toru Tanaka an official of Kurosawa Film Production. The cause of death was not immediately known.

He was survived by a son, Hisao, and daughter, Kazuko. Kurosawa, known as "The Emperor" for his perfectionism and extravagance, was one of the few Japanese directors to find fame on international screens.

The Cannes Film Festival honored Kurosawa with a special trophy for achievement upon the debut of his 28th film, *Ran*, ("Chaos," 1985).

The epic, which Kurosawa called his "life's work," was named best picture of the year by America's National Society of Film Critics. With a price tag topping \$10 million, *Ran* was the most expensive movie in Japanese film history.

Kurosawa was the first Japanese to receive the Honorary Oscar for lifetime achievements in 1990.

"Take 'myself,' subtract 'movies,' and the remainder is

"zero," the director once wrote. His themes often asserted the value of the warrior spirit, humanist ideals, and the urgency of self-sacrifice, even if futile.

Critics have found his innovative style — celebrated for its elaborate detail and sweeping camera movements — influencing foreign films from George Lucas's *Star Wars* to Brian DePalma's *Scarface*.

"He had a god-like vision that translated well to American movies," said Naoko Kimura, an independent film critic in Tokyo. "His philosophy on directing is part of modern filmmaking."

Kurosawa's movies include *Rashomon* (1950), *The Seven Samurai* (1954), *Throne of Blood* (1957), *Yojimbo* (1961), and *Kagemusha*, ("Shadow Warrior") (1980).

Born in Tokyo in 1910 to a family that had held samurai rank, Kurosawa was the youngest of eight children of a military school administrator.

He turned to the cinema after failing to get into art school and darning of poverty as a painter. In 1936 he stumbled on a film studio's advertisement asking people to audition for an assistant directorship, tried out, and got it.

At age 33 he directed his first film, *Sanshiro Sugata* ("The Judo Sage"). It was a hit in wartime Japan, but Kurosawa's vision conflicted with some nationalist sentiments, and drew heated attacks from the military.

His work did not win much applause abroad until *Rashomon* got the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 1951. (AP)

## National Geographic gets the nod for TV

**T**he level has decided to replace NBC, which went off the air July 1, with *National Geographic*, the worldwide nature channel run by the *National Geographic* magazine. Morning hours, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be devoted to programs on business, finance and world economy from CNBC. National Geographic broadcasts — on nature, discovery and adventure — will run from 1 p.m. to 7 a.m.

National Geographic's John Pruzanski says that the service is expected to start around mid-month, and an industry source says that Golden Channels is also expected to sign with the station "soon."

— Helen Kaye

## A new form of flamenco

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

**I**n 1971, nine-year-old Ramon Jaffe and his family immigrated from Riga, where he had already been studying cello from his father, Don Jaffe, for close to five years.

"Many people in our family played the violin," Jaffe reminisces, "but my father was the first to shift to the cello. And the world of the cello has been mine since I was born."

Jaffe says that at four years old, "I couldn't make any real decisions myself. But my father decided that I would study the cello with him and it was very natural for me. I soon realized that cello was what I was meant to be doing in life and I have never regretted it since."

Three years after arriving in Israel, the Jaffe family moved once more, this time to Bremen, Germany.

"Our family was always very close to German tradition and culture, so the move to Germany was in more than one way quite natural for us. At the beginning, however, it was rather strange, as it is hard to get friendly with people there. Yet for a musician, Germany is the best place in the world."

Jaffe, 35, has continued to move, living in Bonn for four years and then moving 18 months ago to Berlin, "which is actually the music capital of the world. I have always loved Berlin, it is a very interesting city which has a lot to offer."

Jaffe has an active career as a solo cellist and performs all over the world. He also has more than 10 discs to his credit, yet adamantly argues that "I don't think it's of any interest whatsoever to record Beethoven, Schumann and Dvorak again and again and again. The most important disc of mine to date is titled *Meditation Hebraique*, which features Jewish melodies for cello and piano from Bruch to Bernstein. At the moment I'm

working on a similar disc but this time with an orchestra."

About six years ago, Jaffe was introduced to a new kind of music by a Swiss guitarist friend who took him to meet flamenco guitarist Pedro Bacan in Seville.

"We both wanted to try something new and we managed to create a sort of a connection between classical music and flamenco. We sat together and began composing in tandem. It was a new form of flamenco music of a very high standard."

"The first time I met Bacan it was a shock for me. Until then, flamenco meant nothing more to me than the touristic aspect of the music that I was acquainted with. But serious classical flamenco is totally different and it was Bacan who revealed this world for me."

A year ago Bacan was killed in a car accident, and Jaffe is now searching for new flamenco partners. It is far from easy.

"The world of flamenco is very closed and they don't like to bring other musicians in. Bacan was different, he was special and open-minded."

Jaffe plays regularly all over the world, yet he rarely comes to Israel. His first concert here a few months ago went almost unnoticed.

"I feel great in Germany, but it is not my home. Israel is my home and I would like to be here a lot. In fact, I plan a series of recitals with Israeli pianist Revital Hachamoff here next season."

Jaffe performs at the Jerusalem International Chamber Music Festival at the city's Khan Theater until the end of the week. He plays music by Kodaly and Martinu tonight, Prokofiev tomorrow, and Haydn and Strauss on Wednesday. On Thursday, Jaffe plays Haydn, Lanner and Strauss, on Friday it's Schumann and for Saturday's grand finale, Jaffe will perform Beethoven and Mendelssohn.

## Falling in love with 'the wrong guy'

By FRANK RIZZO

**A**me Heche had no problems answering questions. Chatty, vivacious and funny, the 27-year-old actress talked frankly about her romantic relationship with comedian Ellen DeGeneres, her disapproving religious family and her career.

"You know what's so funny?" asks Heche (pronounced Haysh), "I've gone through two days of interviews, and while it's obvious that I'm happy to talk about anything, not one person will actually mention Ellen's name in a question."

So how has Heche's career been since the two women went public with their romance last year?

"I'll tell you when I stop working," she shot back with the dry snap of Eve Arden.

After *Volcano*, *Donnie Brasco*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and the role of a presidential adviser in the David Mamet-scripted *Wag the Dog*, Heche now stars in the romantic comedy *Six Days, Seven Nights*, in which she plays opposite Harrison Ford, and which just opened in Israel.

Heche says it was never a problem for her to "come out."

It was more a problem for those around her, which led her to fire her longtime agent and manager just as her career started to really heat up, with high-profile roles opposite Tommy Lee Jones in *Volcano* and Johnny Depp in *Donnie Brasco*.

"I let the people who asked me not to be open about my relationship with Ellen," she says. "They were asking me to be a little less of myself, and it was an education to see how uncomfortable they were with gays. But those aren't the people I wanted in my life." Heche says she welcomes her gay poster-gal role.



Ann Heche stars with Harrison Ford in 'Six Days, Seven Nights.'

an honor, actually, and I love that people say that I'm a person who stands up for being open and truthful. I don't believe at all that it's an invasion on my privacy."

Though her "private" life is somewhat unorthodox, Heche believes it's a good grounding for the romantic fantasy *Six Days, Seven Nights*.

"Oh, sure," she says. "You crash on an island, and you fall in love with a guy who is supposedly exactly wrong for you. But I fell in love with a girl who was supposedly exactly wrong for me, and it turned out to be brilliant. So actually I believe in the movie more than any actress ever would. I think love can hit you like a ton of bricks."

She says that although her friends have supported her, her family has not been so embracing.

"My father is dead, so I don't need his opinion, although he would probably be shocked by it," she says of her Christian minister father who died of AIDS at the age of 43, years ago. "He was gay but didn't tell us he was gay, so I'm sure he is looking down, if he is above, or, I dunno, maybe he's looking up, stunned."

"My mother is not pleased, and I think it's too bad. I don't love living in a world of judgment, and certainly not my mother's."

She says she hasn't talked to her two sisters for "quite a while."

"I don't know how they're dealing with it, but, from my opinion, they're not dealing with it in a very embracing way. But who knows? They're going through their own process about it."

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Smooth ride? A spate of unsettling news points up paradoxes noted by risk analysts: With comfort, it's easy to become uncomfortable; with more, there's more to lose, and even greater security carries great risk.

**By TIM WEINER**

**A** **WASHINGTON** **AMERICANS** who never fought a war or feared a depression could be forgiven for imagining a risk-free world. Living high and mighty, consuming more than their share of the world's food and fuel, feeling secure within their borders and even reasonably safe outside them, they could envision a boundless zone of security in which American money and power and culture and technology would insure some sort of peace.

But when markets tumble into turbulence, wiping out \$4 trillion of the world's wealth, and a plane to

Switzerland, home of stolid banks and precise watchworks, plummets from the sky, and the United States hurls missiles at an armed theosopher in Afghanistan, inviting retaliation against American emblems everywhere, the odds in the big casino can feel like they are shifting back to the house.

## More to Lose

At least subconsciously, people calculate those odds every time they board a plane or take a flier. Today the well-off may have reason to feel at risk: They have more to lose, more creature comforts, more paper profits. Global crashes can stir the survivalist inside the most confident suburbanite.

Risk was a great thing when new worlds and new frontiers beckoned and the risk-takers had little to lose. Now millions of people crowd the coasts, living in more expensive properties built more shoddily than a generation ago, and more vulnerable to oceans and storms and quakes. Beyond the nation's borders, in the world's financial markets, people are also living nearer to the edge, in riskier ways, closer to the winds of rising storms. As prosperity has grown, risk has grown with it.

How do people deal with invisible global forces? Mostly, they don't.

"We have no reference point to calculate our probabilities," said Howard Kunreuther, co-director of the Center for Risk Management and Decision Processes at the Wharton School. "So, we forget. It's very costly to be

scared every moment. We say, 'This isn't going to happen' to me.' And then we're surprised if it happens."

Is the world really more risky than it was 40 years or 40 days ago? If so, why? As the rigid cold-war past melts into the fluid present, where the chances of being vaporized by a nuclear bomb from Vladivostok are down, but the chances of being wiped out by a currency crash in Jakarta are up, calibrating these dangers is complicated. It has energized an increasingly interesting field: risk analysis, a school of thought built from risky business: managing nuclear power, launching rockets, building dams, curing cancers, combating terrorists, buying insurance, managing mutual funds and pension plans,

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## Confidence Counts

# Everybody's Measuring Consumer Fears. Big Deal.

**By SYLVIA NASAR**

**L**AST week, as the stock market tumbled, President Clinton's political embarrassments deepened and Russia's financial crisis snowballed, the biggest fear suddenly became fear itself.

Never mind that the economy is in its best shape in decades, that unemployment and inflation are remarkably low, the budget is balanced and the Federal Reserve is content to leave interest rates alone. The newest worry is that all the scary headlines will so unnerve consumers — whose spending has been a key source of the economy's strength in recent years — that sheer pessimism will keep them away from malls, car dealerships and the housing market, igniting a recession.

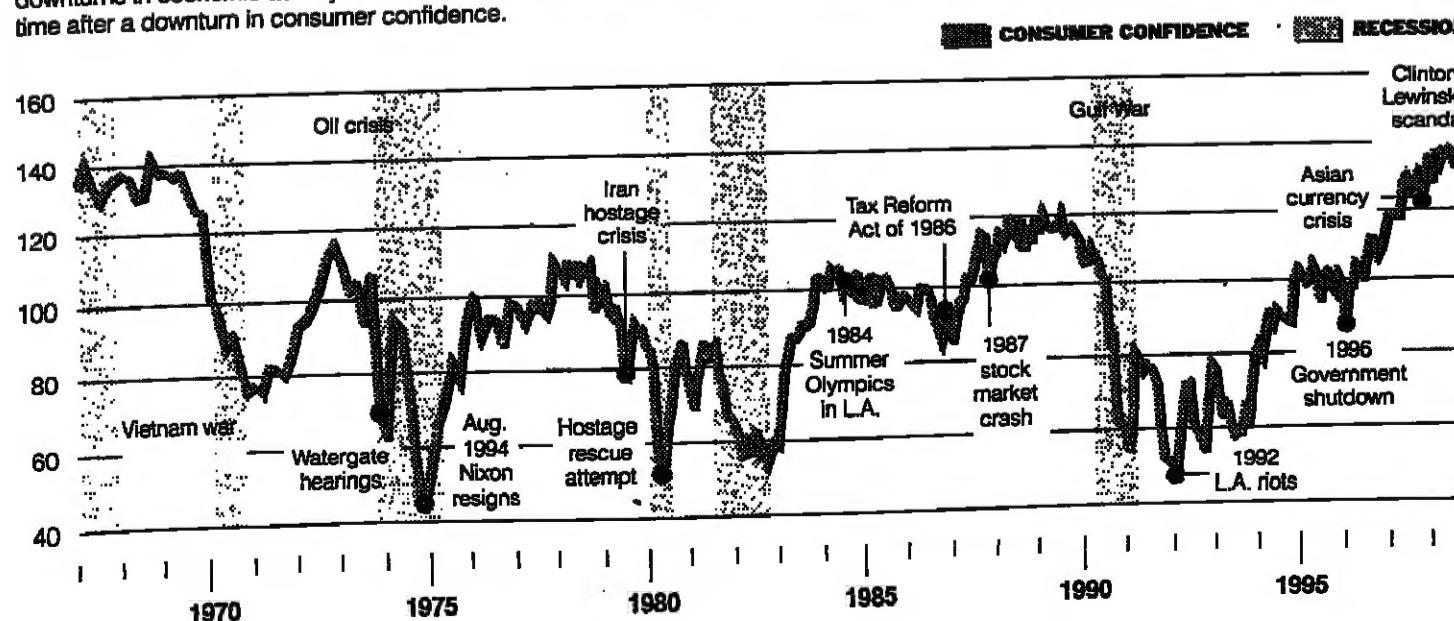
"It's about psychology as opposed to money," said Nicholas Perna, chief economist at Fleet Bank. "I'm absolutely convinced that people identify the stock market with the economy. When the market is tanking, they know things can't be good."

## A Case of Vapors

Mr. Perna, revealing something of a pessimistic streak himself, said he expected the economy to turn extremely sluggish or worse. But the notion that a national case of the vapors — as opposed to a scarcity of jobs,

## Looking for the Future In Shopping Carts

People typically spend more money if they feel the economy is in good shape. Conversely they save their money when they believe hard times might be round the corner. Economists have compiled an index measuring consumer confidence, hoping to be able to predict downturns in economic activity. The chart shows that index against seven recessions since 1967. Typically, the recessions began some time after a downturn in consumer confidence.



Source: The Conference Board.

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### Then and Now

#### THE SOVIET UNION IN 1988

Just prior to its breakup, the Soviet Union was an empire composed of 15 republics; in addition, it indirectly ruled, and economically and militarily benefited from, a number of satellite Communist states.



Population  
286 million (1988)  
Gross Domestic Product  
\$3.2 trillion (1988 dollars)  
Per capita G.D.P.  
\$3,884.8 (1988 dollars)  
Life expectancy, men  
64 years (1988)  
Life expectancy, women  
74 years (1988)

Soldiers  
in millions  
5.2

Tanks  
50,300

Nuclear warheads  
Strategic  
37,300  
Non-strategic  
25,700

SOVIET UNION  
SOVIET SATELLITES

#### RUSSIA IN 1998

The Russian Federation now teeters on the verge of economic and political collapse, with a gross domestic product close to that of Mexico and a much depleted military arsenal.



Population  
148 million (1997)  
Gross Domestic Product  
\$796 billion (1995)  
Per capita G.D.P.  
\$5,300 (1995)  
Life expectancy, men  
57.2 years (1996)  
Life expectancy, women  
70.7 years (1996)

Soldiers\* in millions  
Not battle ready  
Battle ready  
1.4  
0.3

Tanks\*  
Not battle ready  
Battle ready  
14,000  
6,000

Nuclear warheads\*  
Strategic  
Non-strategic  
10,500  
4,000

Sources: Dr. Mark Galeotti, University of Keele, Britain; Natural Resources Defense Council; Information Please Almanac; The International Institute for Strategic Studies; World Almanac

\*Includes estimates by Western analysts of the numbers of soldiers and tanks that are ready for battle. Only 5,000 of the 6,500 strategic warheads are considered functional. 1998 figures do not include about 10,000 warheads that have been retired but which remain in storage.

Prepared by C.T. Elsworth and Cathie Lovinger/The New York Times

By MICHAEL WINES

It's already autumn in Russia, and as a pleasure drive along any country road outside the capital will reveal, the countryside is a riot of beautiful flowers. It is also a riot of Mickey Mouse beach towels, fresh and not-so-fresh fruit, various grades of motor oil, stuffed toys, bricks, pillows, used furniture, just-picked mushrooms and, in at least one instance, gravestones, available with your choice of inscription.

From the daisies to the markers, they are all for sale, by householders and their children who sit patiently by the roadside in straight-backed chairs dragged from their homes, eking out a few extra rubles in the after hours.

Such riots are one reason there have not yet been riots in the face of Russia's deepening economic gloom.

Life in Russia is hard — harder still, because so many expected better this time. But this is the nation that coped with the Golden Horde, Ivan the Terrible, the siege of Leningrad and Communism, and outlived them all. Coping is in the national genetic code, a source of humor and pride and even song: "Anything but the war," goes a refrain from a popular Soviet-era tune.

In a nation where workers go months without pay, basic services are spotty and the currency is losing its worth, Russians' ability to cope may be Boris N. Yeltsin's salvation, too. Americans lose their cool when that lever on the ice-cube maker gets stuck and the bin in the freezer isn't replenished. Russians live in a freezer with not much more ill humor, and considerably more ingenuity.

### Rats Get a Break

In Vladivostok, on the Sea of Japan, a prolonged drought this summer rendered water supplies non-potable and limited working faucets to but a few hours a day. Strikes and bankruptcies in the coal industry made electricity a sometime thing at best. The city is broke and many toilets don't work. By the way, the Mayor also suspended rat extermination last spring.

Some 635,000 people live in Vladivostok, most of whom could not take regular baths this summer because of the drought. For entertainment, they turned to hand-



A company that picked up corpses in Vladivostok ran out of money, leaving police to do the job. Sometimes.

cranked generators to power radios and televisions. To eat, they cooked on Bunsen burners. To bathe, one woman slept with her faucet turned on, so that a sudden decision by the water works to begin pumping — usually in the dead of night — would produce a sudden blast of water and awaken her.

This is the sort of things Russians do in place of just complaining. The woman with the ever-ready bathtub has a friend, an American who edits The Vladivostok News, who wrote in The Moscow Times that he left his faucet on, too — and flooded his apartment.

In Russia, coping literally starts at childbirth. The average Russian family consists of a couple and one child, and few have more than two. In Soviet times, the reason was simple: children were too expensive. Moreover, housing was so cramped — with husband, wife and in-laws sometimes stuffed into two rooms that shared a

kitchen with three or four other apartments — that more children were not only too much to bear but too difficult to create amid paper-thin walls.

Under capitalism, the apartments are being combined to create middle-class residences. Unfortunately, all else remains the same for Russians beneath the middle class, except that their pay is less than it was and they frequently have been evicted by landlords seeking better-paying tenants. In such cases, they and their lower-class country cousins resort to time-honored Russian coping tactics, honed under years of Communism.

The principal ploy, called "biat," is a way of getting something — a new car or theater tickets or an introduction to an employer — by leaning on someone to whom you have granted a favor. One might call it string-pulling, but it is really a social convention, a form of barter that fills a real need that the Soviet system would

not satisfy, and that capitalism so far cannot.

Where biat does not suffice, Russians turn to relatives. Parents work past retirement to feed their jobless or employed-but-not-paid children. Rural families get packages from their city relatives; city folk get food from backyard gardens that have become absolutely essential to winter survival in the boondocks.

And not only the boondocks. It is seriously believed by some that Russians have been so compliant in the face of adversity this autumn because they are so busy tending their gardens and hoarding for winter; this leaves no opportunity for full-time protest. Some units of the ill-fed Russian Army were granted leave this summer to pick mushrooms, a national passion that for some has become a necessity as well.

### Free Lunch

In some of Russia's most remote reaches, coal miners have been on strike for months, raising families without drawing pay. They survive in part on the vegetables and chickens in their yards, in part on the money their wives earn at jobs or by selling handmade goods, and in part on a Communist-era holdover — the factory lunch, which they still get and take home.

There is charity: American-style philanthropy, through Rotary clubs and similar organizations, is taking root. Submarine-builders in the Far East who have not been paid for 18 months survive in part on free bread, doled out through passes from a local baker.

And there is subversion of the system, sometimes called theft. True to the old Communist notion that the people own the nation's means of production, workers have been known to quietly claim their share of coal, autos and other necessities of life.

Sometimes they cut out the middleman and make the products themselves. Although Russia's production of raw ethyl alcohol is dramatically increasing — up 12 percent in the first half of 1998 from a year before — the vodka production of Government-sanctioned companies is plummeting. Indeed, legitimate producers of vodka make up a mere 29 percent of the market, the Government said recently. The rest appears to be controlled by a thriving industry of bootleggers.

Which suggests that however difficult it is for average Russians to cope with the collapse of their economy, capitalism has some life left in it yet.

### Inside the Mind of North Korea's 'Dear Leader'

## First, Pay Attention. And Then Pay Up.

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

SO I finally got the world's attention! The United States and Japan thought they could ignore me and — kersplash — I send one missile shooting over Japan, and finally they look in my direction. Ha! Maybe I should do this more often!

And then they call me irrational. Can't they see that this was the only rational thing to do? If I didn't scare them every now and then, they would ignore me totally and I'd be like Fidel Castro, a nothing.

Look at me! The imperialists tried to bully me back in 1994, telling me I had to stop my nuclear program. But I was ready to go to war with them, and so they decided to save lives and chicken out. We reached a big agreement: I would freeze my program and the Americans and the other countries would give me free heating oil and build me a \$4 billion light-water nuclear reactor. You've got to be pushy.

### Yankee Double-Cross

Of course, the Americans tried to double-cross me. Despite their agreement, they wouldn't lift most of their sanctions, they lagged in building the new reactor, they delayed shipping me oil and they didn't even think about normalizing relations.

I was ready to get rid of my whole missile program in exchange for the right payoff, but they wouldn't cough up the kind of dough I was talking about. They wouldn't pay me money and they wouldn't pay attention.

Well, now maybe they'll pay something! If my nuclear program got them to give me a \$4 billion reactor and free oil, think what my missile program should be worth — especially since the Central Intelligence Agency thinks I still have a few nukes that I just might figure out how to attach to a missile. The imperialists were worried about my old Nodong missiles, which couldn't even reach Tokyo. Well, they missed a bargain. Now they'll have to pay billions for my program,



because I can take out anything in Japan. And if my engineers can improve the booster rocket, I'll be able to reach Alaska and Hawaii.

O.K., O.K., I know the missiles are hopelessly inaccurate. But so what if I aim for the Yankee base at Yokosuka and hit Tokyo instead? It just makes the Japanese more nervous than ever. And their fear is what gives me bargaining power.

### Getting Paid

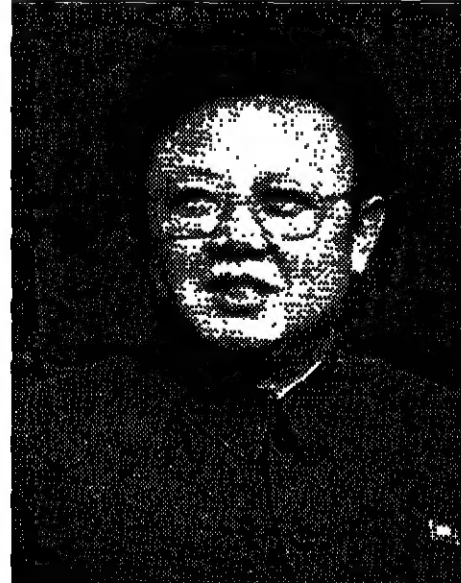
Yeah, and think of all that free advertising I got. The Syrians and Iranians see Secretary of State yapping puppy Albright denounce my missiles, and they'll pay more than ever. I'll get paid off one way or another; by the Yankees for giving up my missile program or by the Syrians and Iranians for continuing

it. These two-stage rockets can deliver a one-ton payload more than 1,000 miles, and Israel will be in the bomb sights.

Of course, my Foreign Ministry is whining these days. The diplomats say we may have overplayed our hand, and they're worried now that Japan has cut off aid and flights to our country, now that the Yankee Congress is sniveling about whether to back away from the 1994 nuclear agreement. Huh! Wimps!

Washington will come through because it knows that it would be risking war if it didn't. Sure, I would lose. But I've got one thing in my favor: 10 million people within artillery range. Seoul will be a sea of flames. I have the guts to fight to lose, but the Yankees don't have the stomach to fight to win.

The imperialists don't really think I'd level Seoul, but they can't be sure. Sometimes it pays to be perceived as irrational, and send-



Women, left, dancing last year in Pyongyang to celebrate the election of Kim Jong Il as general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea. Mr. Kim, right, is succeeding his father as President.

ing a missile racing over Japan just adds to my credibility as a maniac. (And wasn't it a nice touch when we said later that the missile launched a scientific satellite transmitting immortal revolutionary hymns?)

Oh, yeah, sure, if the Yankees do cut off aid, then that will make it tougher here. But when things get really desperate, people will come running with aid. If people go hungry here, then the pressure is on Washington and Tokyo, not me.

I love to read what these foreign analysts say. They think North Korea is falling apart. It's just like those foreigners who thought China was falling apart in the early 1960's. But hunger doesn't make people rebel; it just makes them die.

In China, 30 million people died in Mao Zedong's famine of the early 1960's; there wasn't a peep of protest. Then Deng Xiaoping

gave the Chinese people pork and rice and they tried to stage a revolution against him at Tiananmen Square.

I'll never make that mistake. I know that contact with barbarians or, worse, bourgeois democracy, destabilizes a country. I'll never open up my country the way Deng did.

Those arrogant foreigners think they can make life hard on us and change us. This is Korea! We're not weaklings. If we were compromisers our nation would have been absorbed by China or Japan a thousand years ago.

### Tough to Be King

Two hundred years ago, King Yongjo knew his son would be a terrible heir, so he locked the weeping young man in a box in the courtyard and left him to die. It took 13 days. That's the toughness that it takes to be a king of Korea, and I've got that toughness.

The South Korean puppets have lost their strength, and we in the North are the only real Koreans left. That's why we have restored a dynasty, just like the ancients. My father died four years ago, and the foreigners all puzzled about why I didn't fill the vacancy and whether that meant I was weak. Don't they know about filial piety? If they had read Korean history, they would have known that a good Korean prince waits several years before succeeding his father. I'm not a Communist. I'm a Confucian.

Now it is my turn to succeed my father as President and party leader. I'll reform the economy and try to rely more on the market mechanism, because that's the only thing that works. But I'll never open up this country. I'll never risk losing control.

I will stand up to the foreigners and my people will stand behind me, as long as they have the strength to stand. I need enemies more than I need friends.

Ah, yes, what a lovely missile that was. It made me a few more enemies. They can despise me, insult me. But they'll have to respect me.

Poor little Castro. I should sell him a missile or two to launch over Florida. Then he would get some respect as well, and maybe some American foreign aid.



# The Nation



Republican Senators Hugh Scott and Margaret Chase Smith. Mrs. Smith rebuked Senator Joseph R. McCarthy; Mr. Scott urged President Nixon to resign.

## Lonely Stands On Capitol Hill

By ADAM CLYMER

WASHINGTON  
SENATOR JOSEPH L. LIEBERMAN uncomformably cast himself in one of the capital's classic roles on Thursday, going to the floor and demanding "some measure of public rebuke" for President Clinton, an old friend and ally. While it was early to talk of impeachment or resignation, he said, Mr. Clinton's conduct "had diminished the office he holds" and was "reinforcing one of the worst messages being delivered by our popular culture, which is that values are fungible."

One of Washington's favorite images is that of the courageous senator (why is it almost never a representative?) who breaks with his party — or with his President — for the greater good of the nation. John F. Kennedy wrote about eight of them in "Profiles in Courage," most of them from the 19th century.

It has happened more recently. Barry M. Goldwater, Hugh Scott and John J. Rhodes (who actually was a representative) told Richard M. Nixon it was time to quit 24 years ago last month, and he did. But that came after almost every Nixon defender had left the sinking ship. Early warnings from two Republican senators, Edward W. Brooke, a Massachusetts liberal, and James L. Buckley, a New York conservative, had no impact on Mr. Nixon's determination. If one seeks the critical moment in the saga of Watergate, it was not a speech but the firing of Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor, and the consequent firestorm of protest that fatally weakened the President.

An even slower political death came to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. It was June 1, 1950, when his fellow Republican, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, said in her first major speech that the Senate had been "debated to the level of a forum of hate and character assassination."

But it was four years before the Senate mustered the courage to condemn the Communist-hunter who gave his name to irresponsible investigations that ignore the rights of individuals. The most effective words came in a Senate committee room in June 1954. The lawyer Joseph N. Welch protested the Senator's attacks on a junior attorney and said: "Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You've done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no

sense of decency?"

Senator Lieberman's attack is most striking because he is among a handful of Senators who are politically close to the President. The two Democrats who followed Mr. Lieberman to the floor to praise his remarks, Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, are hardly friends of the President. Mr. Clinton, responding Friday, said, "I can't disagree with anyone else who wants to be critical of what I have already acknowledged was indefensible."

Ever since the Lewinsky scandal broke in January, Washington pundits have been saying that the time might come when Democratic elders went down to the White House to tell Mr. Clinton that, for the party's sake, he should begin to pack.

One difficulty with this vision is that there is only a handful of Democrats on whom the President relies, and from whom he might take such a message seriously. They include former Senator David E. Pryor and Senator Dale Bumpers, two Arkansians; Tom Daschle, the Senate minority leader; Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Vice President Al Gore and the fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe — along with Mr. Lieberman.

Other than the conflicted Connecticut Senator, the others have largely kept their own counsel or adopted some version of the party line that says the American people want Washington to forget about scandal and deal with campaign finance laws, education or abuses by health care organizations.

That does remain the clear reading of the polls, though it's been nearly two weeks since the summer's incessant sampling last produced a public result — an August 23 ABC News Poll showing two-thirds of the public did not want Mr. Clinton to resign or to be impeached.

But Congress occasionally does step out ahead of public opinion, and that is plainly what Mr. Lieberman thought was his duty. His impact is far less certain. After all, there were some strong Republican voices in January 1987 demanding that President Ronald Reagan take the blame for the Iran-Contra mess. Senator Warren B. Rudman of New Hampshire, for example, said, "The people just hope they don't find out the President wasn't telling them the whole truth."

But in the end, Congress did not test the President's veracity, and as far as he was concerned, the case blew over.

Sometimes a displaced stone can start a political landslide. Sometimes it just falls by itself.

## Who's Mr. Clean?

# Washington Nervously Awaits New Deliveries of Dirty Laundry

By JAMES BENNET

EVERYBODY here is whispering about whispering about everybody else's sex life.

No one, of course, is recommending such talk. Heaven forbid. No one wants the President's troubles to unleash a squinty-eyed inquisition into the sexual mores of a publicly dull, prudish city with a history of smeared lipstick behind closed office doors.

But in the White House, on Capitol Hill and in political consultancies and law firms, people say it will happen.

"Washington is going to burn," predicted one prominent Democrat here, while insisting that his camp would have nothing to do with setting the blaze. The prospect of a report to Congress by Kenneth W. Starr, the independent prosecutor, started the latest round of expectant rumor-mongering.

But predictions of a sexual Armageddon have been rife almost since the President was first reported to have had an affair with a White House intern, Monica S. Lewinsky. They have yet to come true. While Ms. Lewinsky's dirty laundry — literally — has been aired in press accounts, few others besides her and the President have been seared so far.

One exception is House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose sexual past was recently picked over in the on-line publication "Salon." The article reprised reporting in Vanity Fair three years ago.

But the most prominent exception is Representative Dan Burton, an Indiana Republican who admitted on Friday that he had had an extramarital relationship years ago that produced a son. Earlier in the week, Mr. Burton had told constituents of unspecified past troubles in his 38-year marriage, saying he was motivated by the fear that Vanity Fair (again) was about to publish scandalous details.

## Don't Look at Me

Even before Mr. Burton's disclosure, jittery politicians were admitting mistakes or declaring their virtue right and left. Obliquely asked by reporters if marital faithfulness was properly an issue in Presidential contests, some have pre-emptively declared themselves true to their wives. Gov. George W. Bush of Texas has done so, as has former

Vice President Dan Quayle.

"To run in 2000, as a prospective Presidential candidate in particular, you're going to have to be Mr. or Mrs. Clean," said Greg Mueller, a Republican political strategist.

The other approach — admitting mistakes — was on display last week. In criticizing Mr. Clinton, Senator Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut and several other Democratic Senators practically stumbled over each other in conceding, vaguely, transgressions (though not necessarily sexual ones) in their personal lives. That technique blunted not only any appearance of censoriousness, but also the news hook that an accusation of hypocrisy might provide reporters.

In admitting his mistakes, Mr. Burton

In 1992, President Clinton was beset by rumors similar to those that dogged Mr. Hart. This time, a woman, Gennifer Flowers, stepped forward to describe an affair. The accusation came as Mr. Clinton was under fire for his honesty on issues like the Vietnam draft. Reporters rolled such matters together under the portentous-sounding heading of the "character issue."

## 'A Higher Standard'

That journalistic approach seemed vindicated last week when Senator Lieberman delivered his speech. "I know that the President is far from alone in the wrongdoing he has admitted," he said. "But the President, by virtue of the office he sought and was elected to, has traditionally been held to a higher standard."

During the last Presidential campaign, the sex life of the Republican nominee, Bob Dole, came under scrutiny, but not only potential Presidents have been held to the higher standard. Dick Morris, a Clinton political adviser, was accused in print of seeing a prostitute. The story was deemed newsworthy in part because Mr. Morris had devised a campaign emphasizing "values." He was forced to resign.

After Mr. Morris, two Republican political consultants, Arthur Finkelstein and Don Sipple, found their private lives explored in magazines. (Last week, in Salon, the consultant James Carville argued that consultants should be exempted from such prying. "Isn't there a danger here that we might be going too far?" he wrote, with admitted self-interest.)

Politicians and their advisers blame the news media in part for aiding attacks over private behavior, treating people in politics more like Hollywood celebrities in a quest for ratings and readers.

In the view at least of Democrats here, Mr. Starr's inquiry into Mr. Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky burned down any remaining fences around politicians' — and maybe prominent journalists' — private lives.

But Carter Eskew, a Democratic political consultant, argued that the Lewinsky matter demonstrated that while voters are disgusted by adultery, they are also angered by people who dredge it up. Most political candidates, he said, would not risk airing opponents' sexual secrets.

"In the end it's mutual assured destruction," he said. "So it won't happen."



Ignor. Vashyakov for the New York Times

# Everybody's Measuring Consumer Fears. Big Deal.

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the expectations of households in three basic areas: personal finance, economic conditions and buying conditions. Both surveys ask five questions, but add others from time to time to monitor consumers' changing concerns.

In the Michigan survey, two questions focus on the respondents' financial situation. Two other questions have to do with opinions about overall economic conditions and the final one asks whether now is a good time to buy a major appliance. The Conference Board's questions focus more on job availability and less on personal finances.

Michigan conducts a phone survey of 500 households and the Conference Board mails questionnaires to 5,000 households, and after the answers are collected they are combined into the indexes.

## Parallel Track

Both confidence measures generally move in sync with consumer spending, and every recession has been preceded or accompanied by a sharp drop in confidence. Similarly, every recovery has been preceded or accompanied by a rebound in confidence.

Both the size and duration of the change in confidence make a difference. It takes about a 10 percent decline over a month or two to register as a significant shift, and it's not just the change in confidence but the level that counts. "Anything above 90 indicates strong spending," said Lynn Franco, an economist at the Conference Board.

Economists say it's unlikely that a national panic attack by itself can cause an otherwise healthy economy to turn south.

In August, the Conference Board's index was 133, close to the high of 140 set in the late 1960's. "It could drop 20 points without necessarily signaling a sharp slowdown in spending," Ms. Franco said.

The Michigan index is close to 106, also near its high. But after last week's drop of 41.43 points in the Dow Jones Industrial average, economists will be looking for signs of consumers' reaction in both September indexes.

## Questions of Value

There is disagreement among economists as to whether confidence measures are useful for predicting future spending patterns or spotting turning points in the economy. The benchmark study of confidence, published in the American Economic Review shortly after the 1990-1991 recession, concluded that the indexes are useful but

limited in value.

A more recent study by two economists at the New York Federal Reserve, Sydney Ludvigson and Jason Bram, suggests that the Conference Board index may be a more useful indicator. "Consumers seem to spend more when they feel good about future job prospects than they do when they think business conditions are favorable," Ms. Ludvigson said.

The most notable episode in which the consumer confidence index was the first true sign that the economy was heading into a recession was in the summer of 1990, when Iraq invaded Kuwait and oil prices doubled within a matter of days. Confidence plunged, and within weeks spending stalled and the economy was in a nose dive. Lots of economists, including the Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, were caught by surprise.

Many drops in confidence are too small or too short to affect spending. When political events lead to drops in confidence at a time when the overall economy looks healthy, the drop is almost always temporary. In October 1987, for example, the Dow plunged 500 points, or 20 percent, in a single day, and the next month the Conference Board's index dropped 20 points, to nearly 100. But perhaps because an export boom was under way, consumers recovered their spirits within a couple of months, and the index bounced back.

Richard Curtin, the economist who runs the Michigan survey, points out that by the late 1980's consumers had figured out that employment, income and economic growth no longer moved in sync with the stock market — as they had in the 1960's and 1970's. "In 1987, consumers saw no repercussions for income or employment growth

from the stock market decline and therefore mostly ignored it," Mr. Curtin said.

At the same time, surges in confidence related to politically popular events but not supported by improvements in the economy also tend to be short-lived. Consumer confidence surged after the Persian Gulf war, but the indexes quickly fell again because the economy and job growth remained sluggish.

Other economists don't see much of a cause-and-effect relationship at all between confidence and spending, but see the indexes as useful nonetheless.

"Confidence is more of a summary measure of things that affect spending than a specific cause in its own right," said Ed McKelvey, an economist at Goldman, Sachs & Company in New York.

## Helpful Previews

In general, forecasters say the real importance of measuring confidence has less to do with the power of psychology than the timeliness of the reports. Confidence surveys come out two weeks before the Government's monthly employment reports and a month to six weeks before reports on consumer spending.

If consumer sentiment reflects their perception of the job market and business conditions, then it is a convenient preliminary reading for economists.

"There's no denying it's important, but the main thing that makes it interesting is that it comes out on a timely basis," said one forecaster. "If you could see the September employment numbers or the Conference Board survey, you'd rather see the jobs numbers."



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ECONOMY

# A Compass for Choppy Seas

By ROBERT D. HERSHEY Jr.

In reaching stomach-churning, sleep-depriving levels last week, the gyrations of the stock market seemed to restore meaning to an old Wall Street maxim: To invest is to choose between eating well or sleeping well. Some investors, their dreams disturbed, headed for the sidelines. Some, accustomed to filets and refusing to concede that the great bull had snorted its last, rushed in to buy on what they hoped was Monday's 512-point "dip."

Most investors, with varying degrees of concern and confusion, probably did nothing, amid gathering worry that a healthy market correction might be turning into the first bear market in 25 years and that the world's economic problems could tip the U.S. economy into recession.

As maxims go, it's hard to beat "First, do no harm." But paralysis in the face of change is another thing entirely.

Whatever your personal circumstances and the condition of your portfolio, financial experts say there are a number of steps that every smart household should at least consider in today's highly unsettled — and sobering — environment.

It's pure common sense. Of course, buying a company that is still selling at 52 times its anticipated earnings may not seem sensible to everyone. But if your horizon is long term, your sleep sound and your portfolio skewed by the market's retreat, you might want to raise your exposure to stocks in general.

Abby Joseph Cohen, the indomitable bullish strategist at Goldman, Sachs & Company, increased her recommended stock allotment to 72 percent of assets from 65 percent last week, at the expense of cash and commodities.

Continuing to buy a favored stock as it declines — when it's "on sale," to an optimist's eye — is a form of dollar-cost averaging, one of the more sound investment strategies. By putting a specified sum of money into a stock at regular intervals, you get more shares for your money when prices are down. And for any given period, your average cost per share is lower than the stock's average price.

For the strategy to work, however, the company must be strong enough to ultimately prosper. And you must be disciplined enough to persist at times like these, when it may seem dicey to buck the market crowd.

## Put Cash to Better Use

The sleeping-versus-eating test may send many investors in search of the safest havens, rather than in pursuit of reasons for buying more shares. And though Russians may have been driven lately to stash even more money under the mattress, Americans have numerous alternatives if fear or prudence dictates keeping a bigger part of their savings in cash.

The choices are different enough to be meaningful even for relatively modest sums — and of much significance when parking, say, tens of thousands of dollars that you have pulled out of stocks.

**Treasury bills** — Government I.O.U.'s sold at a discount and redeemed at face value at maturities that range up to a year — are for the belt-and-suspenders crowd who insist on maximum safety and who will accept lower yields to avoid state and local income tax on interest. The return on the one-year bill was 4.66 percent on Friday.

Interest rates are a bit higher on

longer-term Treasury securities — about 5 percent for two years and five years. But if you don't expect to hold these until maturity, be prepared for market prices to jump around; if you sell, you might get less than you paid.

Bond funds, including those that hold corporate issues, are another possibility. Shorter-term funds yield lower returns but are much less volatile. Whatever the horizon of the portfolio, experts caution against buying bond funds on the basis of advertised historical performance instead of current yields. You also need to be alert to sales and redemption fees, which can slash the return.

Bond funds with ultra-short-term holdings can offer higher returns than money market mutual funds with similar liquidity, but costs are typically higher, too. For many people, then, money market funds are likely the best place for stashing cash. These funds combine the convenience of a checking account with near-perfect liquidity and returns that can be more than double those paid on savings accounts. Unlike money market accounts at banks, however, money market mutual funds are not insured.

"It's the ultimate in flexibility," said Bruce R. Bent, president of the Reserve Funds, a mutual fund company based in Manhattan. Mr. Bent and a partner devised the money market fund in the early 1970's, creating what is now a \$1.3 trillion industry.

Rates are averaging about 5.03 percent, and you don't have to lock your money for a set period, as you would with a bank certificate of deposit. (A table listing money market fund yields is on page 28.)

There is often little to distinguish one money fund from another. But some have high minimum balances or other restrictions, like limits on the number of checks you can write. And note that, unless you're paying income taxes at very high rates — the top Federal rate of 38.5 percent or a combination of state and Federal rates approaching that level — you will almost certainly do better with a money fund that is invested in taxable short-term securities than in tax-exempt municipals.

"The vast majority of people would be better served by putting their money into taxable funds," said Mr. Bent, whose firm offers both kinds.

## Pare Down That Debt

When the economy and the stock market were both barreling ahead, some people got a bit carried away — including those who thought it reasonable to carry credit card balances with 18 percent interest rates when they could make 30 percent a year by keeping that money in the stock market.

Now the odds have clearly shifted, said Gerri Detweiler, an adviser to Debt Counselors of America, a Rockville, Md.-based educational group whose sponsors include lenders. "The stock market is a risky place, while paying off your credit card is a guaranteed high-return, tax-free proposition," she said.

That is especially true if you select

the card wisely. Ms. Detweiler recommends searching out one with a fixed, moderate rate and ignoring those splashy offers of cards with low teaser rates that jump after six months or a year to the high teens.

Even then, she said, make it a habit to pay your balance each month — and pay on time. Growing numbers of card issuers are imposing fees as high as \$29 for being just a couple of days late with a payment, no matter how little you owe.

There are other easy ways to trim debts and to lower interest payments if you've grown less sanguine about the performance of your investments. For instance, making extra payments on your mortgage can sharply reduce your interest payments over time, effectively putting money in your pocket.

"The roof over your head is substantially more secure than investing in the stock market," said Marc Eisen, co-author of a new book, "Invest in Yourself: Six Secrets to a Rich Life" (John Wiley, 1998, \$22.95).

Refinancing your mortgage is another possibility, though mortgage rates, hovering above 7 percent, have not fallen as sharply as might be expected, given the tumbling yields on Government bonds. An overarching principle here, of course, is that any cost-cutting is more valuable than it appears because, with state and Federal taxes, a dollar saved is worth as much as \$1.50 earned.

Another principle is to take free money when it's offered to you. Even if you are worried about the market's trajectory, it's hard to make a case against accepting the company match on your contributions to a 401(k) plan or other savings programs.

"It is very important to continue to fund these plans," said Mr. Grodman, the New Hampshire financial planner. Despite the current unease, people should remember, he said, that "this is just one week or one month in the time horizon of their investment life."

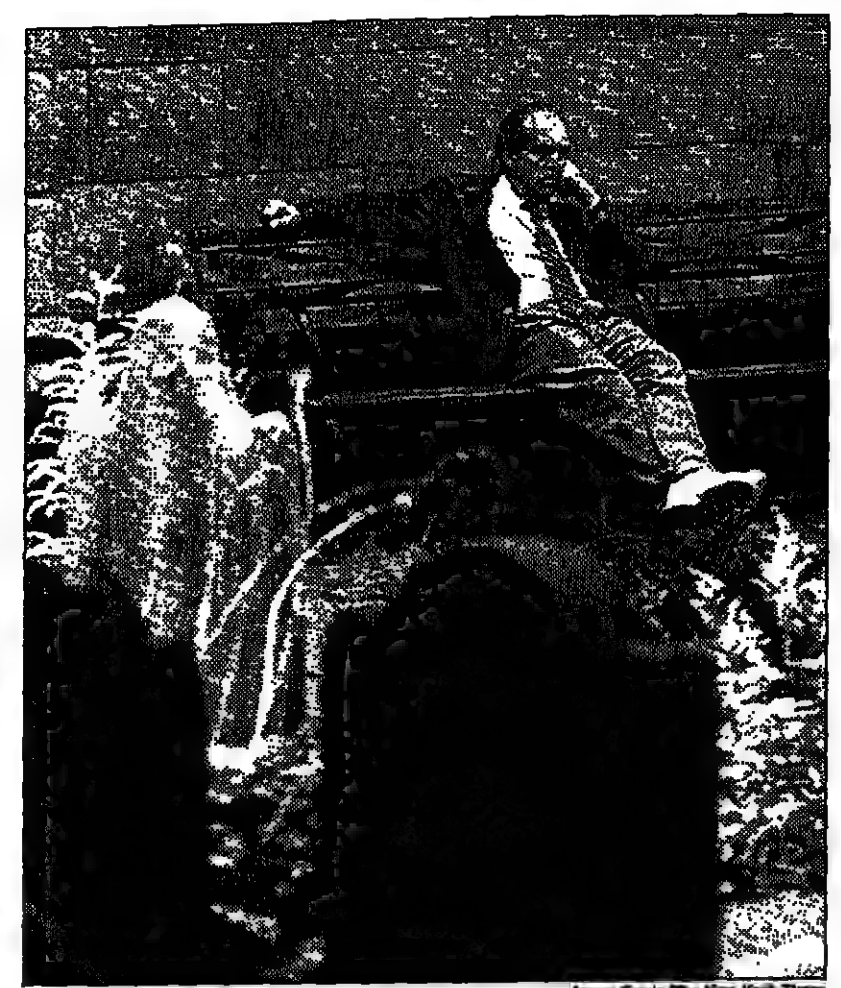
## Renegotiate at Work

Have a lot of faith in your company's prospects, even though the stock has been beaten down? Maybe it's time to talk to the boss about the makeup of your pay package.

Not everyone has the necessary clout. But in light of lower share prices, some people whose compensation includes stock or options might succeed in arguing for an earlier or larger grant. Or they might ask to renegotiate their package: Instead of \$300,000 in cash, the arrangement could be \$200,000 in cash plus some form of stock.

That, of course, is not the career move of someone who has a weak stomach. And benefits consultants expect that employers, anticipating uneasiness to prevail among their staffs, may move in the opposite direction.

"Companies may start to look at performance-based cash plans," said Donald L. Lowman, managing director for compensation at Towers Perrin, the management consulting firm.



Gregory Kouzmoulis, a New York Stock Exchange messenger, took a break last Tuesday in the Trinity Church graveyard near Wall Street.

In other words, old-fashioned bonuses could supplant stock-based incentive plans if the markets continue to slide. This might also be a time to reassess a broader range of priorities in life, some of which may have been shoved aside in fin-de-siecle careerism and obsession with money. The tumble of the stock market could force a realization that there is more to life than work and its material rewards.

To Mr. Eisen and his co-authors, the idea is to find your own balance of investments — "a portfolio not just of stocks and bonds but one that includes investments in yourself and in your family."

But for most people, that will take quite an attitude adjustment; after all, their job is their chief economic asset. So even though the unemployment rate is at its lowest since the Nixon Administration, some people are bound to conclude that it wouldn't hurt to make an extra effort at the office. Or, perhaps, to think about some sideline work in case a weakening economy brings renewed bouts of corporate downsizing.

## Bargain Hunt

Experienced investors know that markets nearly always overreact, but only a minority find the nerve to search out — and actually buy — the inevitable bargains. Sooner or later, though, solid stocks that have been tossed aside indiscriminately will be uncovered, often by those value-oriented investors who concentrate their hunt on a group that has been most thoroughly trashed.

"I look for an asset class that's way down," said Cynthia Meyers, a financial planner in Sacramento, Calif. — as long as it is something that fits an

investor's risk tolerance. These days, for example, she might ask clients if they can stomach gyrations in technology stocks.

For some investors, companies like Microsoft might qualify as good values, as would companies in other industries — makers of farm equipment and other heavy machinery, for example. Other investors shop for companies whose stocks have more or less held up, like regional banks, figuring they may take off when the market steadies.

There is even value in losing money — though it may be especially painful if the stock in question recently let you gloat over handsome paper profits. Losses, if actually realized, can minimize taxes by offsetting profits from the sale of other assets. You can even create such a loss without giving up on what you still think is a good idea or running afoul of rules barring wash transactions; you can switch, say, from Exxon to Mobil stock, or from one growth mutual fund to a similar one.

And if you're interested in passing along assets to children without subjecting the transfer to the gift tax, a drop in stock prices means that you can give them more shares before you and your spouse reach your annual limit of \$20,000 per child.

In these iffy days, though, the single smartest thing to do may be to make a basic change in thinking — and then to act accordingly.

"There's been a kind of greedy attitude, a naive assumption that we can invest in anything and it will go up," Ms. Meyers said. "It's good now that clients do see that downs come with the ups."

# Market Watch: That Deflationary Feeling

By GRETCHEN MORGENSON

**B**ear markets never happen when interest rates fall. This argument has been trotted out in the last few months by all manner of Wall Street strategists, perhaps to calm nervous investors as they watched their portfolios drift lower. Trouble is, it's not exactly accurate.

Although it is unusual for stocks to decline in tandem with interest rates, it is by no means impossible, as recent weeks have shown.

From the peak of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index on July 17 to Friday's close, the market has lost 17.9 percent of its value. At the same time, interest rates have made a huge move down, with yields on the 30-year Treasury bond falling to 5.28 percent, from 5.74 percent.

A similar fate befell stock and bond investors in another great bull market, said Louise Yamada, direc-

tor and senior technical analyst at Salomon Smith Barney — the run in stocks that began in 1880 and lasted into the 1890's.

After moving up smartly during the 1860's, the stock market reached a peak in 1872. At the time, bond yields were falling. There was no Federal debt — imagine! — but yields on railroad bonds and other benchmark issues fell to 4 percent, from about 5 percent.

Yet despite the decline in interest rates, stocks lost 34 percent of their value in a bear phase that lasted until 1877. Then stocks began to climb again.

This history lesson helps explain why, contrary to popular wisdom, stocks can, indeed, fall alongside bond yields. The reason, in a word, is disinflation.

The 1870's through the 1890's were one of the nation's longest periods of steady, even falling, prices, not too different from the situation today.

As the Industrial Revolution unfolded, the United States General

Price Level, that day's version of the Consumer Price Index, fell 1.3 percent a year, on average. Today, while consumer prices are up about 1.5 percent, producer prices have fallen about five-tenths of 1 percent in the last year.

The earlier period also parallels ours in that lower prices were accompanied by real gross domestic product growth and higher wages. Today it's a technology revolution that is producing those results.

In the last 50 years, investors have grown unfamiliar with the effects of deflation on stocks and bonds. In most people's memories, the American economy has been driven by scarcity; demand for goods has led supply. Manufacturers followed scarcity, producing goods that fetched the highest prices.

Now, excess capacity around the world is driving demand, argues James Paulsen, chief investment officer of Norwest Investment Management in Minneapolis. "Wherever prices are falling fastest, like tech-

nology, it brings more demand," he said.

Great for consumers, but not for corporations. Those unable to cut costs fast enough show profit declines. "As long as prices are falling slowly, corporations can adjust," Mr. Paulsen said. "If prices fall sharply, they can't." Which is where we may be now.

As the stock price recovery in 1877 proves, companies can adjust to disinflation. As demand catches up with supply, stocks stabilize.

Where does that leave investors today? "There are certainly signs that this is a bear market," Ms. Yamada said. "But we don't have enough evidence to suggest that it's the end of the secular bull market that began in 1982." It may simply be a painful but temporary period in which companies adjust to falling prices. When they do, stocks can move up again.

If history repeats, stocks have further to fall. Then, get ready for the rebound.

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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PERFORMANCE		IN U.S. DOLLARS				IN LOCAL CURR.	
Country	Index	Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank	Index	YTD % Chg.
Australia	170.88	4.0	5	-14.6	16	183.84	-5.2
Brazil	122.15	-13.0	30	-48.8	24	264.86	-45.9
Britain	336.73	-1.0	16	1.5	11	332	-0.2
Canada	177.60	2.5	7	-16.4	17	204	-10.6
Finland	397.37	-0.4	14	42.7	2	440.09	38.3
France	294.10	2.1	9	22.9	4	235	18.8
Germany	259.16	-1.1	17	13.0	7	233.73	9.0
Hong Kong	216.22	-2.7	22	-38.4	22	214.82	-39.5
Indonesia	26.94	-2.7	24	-59.2	28	180.95	-18.8
Italy	147.20	-2.7	23	25.1	3	155	21.2
Japan	84.32	7.5	3	-11.5	15	71.60	-8.6
Malaysia	104.73	34.9	1	-36.3	20	153.28	-37.8
Mexico	878.00	-3.9	26	-51.4	25	9,714.26	-38.9
Netherlands	487.29	1.7	11	14.0	6	417.49	10.1
New Zealand	50.38	-2.3	20	-34.1	19	52.85	-24.4
Philippines	45.58	-1.7	19	-42.6	23	99.21	-37.1
Singapore	102.45	-10.2	29	-54.5	26	82.55	-52.8
South Africa	163.64	8.0	2	-38.3	21	222.63	-21.1
Spain	323.37	1.9	10	19.0	5	360.75	14.9
Sweden	484.21	-0.4	13	3.1	10	206	589.31
Switzerland	372.73	0.7	12	9.4	8	328.92	6.7
Thailand	8.53	-2.4	21	-55.8	27	13.51	-82.5
United States	396.50	-5.4	27	0.0	12	396.50	0.0

COMPOSITE INDICES		Week % Chg.	Week Rank	YTD % Chg.	YTD Rank
Europe	319.64	-0.0	10	6.6	2.30
Pacific Basin	88.64	6.4	-16.3	1.98	78.43
Europe/Pacific	184.86	1.6	14	2.19	158.77
World	252.47	-2.1	0.5	1.93	230.24

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## CURRENCIES

Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	133.57	141.85	-5.84	121.26
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7304	1.7575	-1.54	1.8033
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.5215	1.5585	-2.37	1.3813
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6722	1.6838	-0.69	1.5937

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

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DOMESTIC EQUITIES	
Broad market	Down 5.18%
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Blue chips	Down 5.11%
Dow 30 industrials	7,640.25
Small capitalization	Down 3.20%
Russell 2000 index	347.07

DOMESTIC BONDS	
Treasuries	Up 0.55%
Ryan Labs Total Return	230.43
Municipals	Down 0.10%
Bond Buyer index	125.56
Corporates	Down 1.10%
Merrill Lynch Master index	979.41

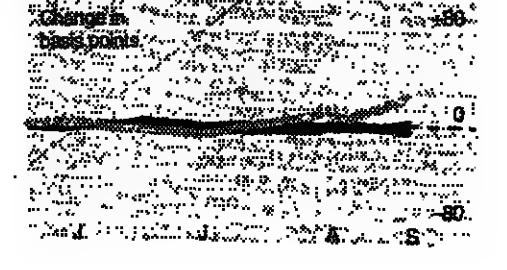
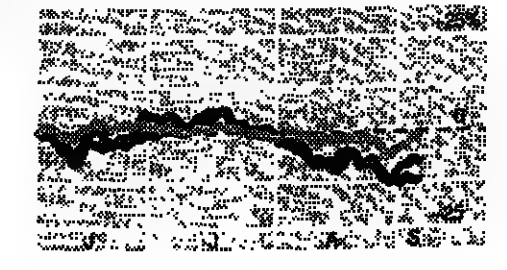
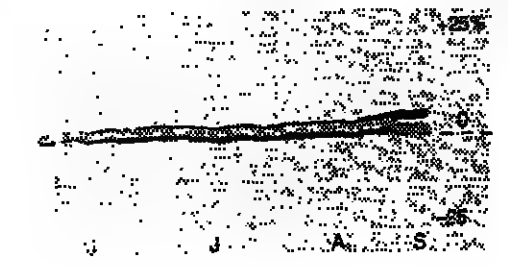
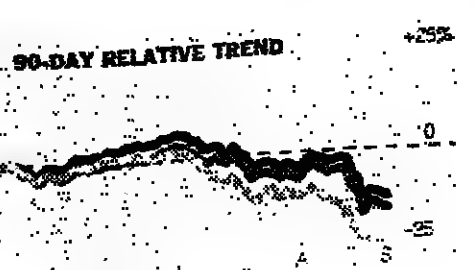
AROUND THE WORLD	
European stocks	Down 0.05%
F.T.-Actuaries Europe	319.64
Asian stocks	Up 6.42%
F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	88.64
Gold	Up 4.50%
New York cash price	\$287.80

Foreign indices are given in dollar terms.

YIELDS	
BONDS	
Long bonds	5.28%
30-year Treasuries	Down 5 basis pts.
Notes	4.89%
2-year Treasuries	Unchanged
Municipals	5.15%
Bond Buyer index	Up 3 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

OTHER INVESTMENTS	
Money market funds	5.03%
Taxable average	Up basis pts.
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## The Primaries in New York A Change in Endorsement Practice

For years, The New York Times has generally refrained from primary endorsements in major elections. We are altering that practice this year and anticipate doing so in the future. Primaries now often present the most critical and complicated choices that voters face in a campaign year. We feel readers have a right to see how we analyze these contests and which candidates we recommend.

Taking sides in political primaries poses some delicate problems for an editorial page. A primary endorsement might be interpreted as committing us to that candidate for the general election. That is emphatically not the case. Our support will not necessarily translate into a full endorsement, nor will it preclude backing another candidate from the same party should our first preference lose the primary. As always with The Times, the recommendations of this page will have nothing to do with news coverage of the campaign, since the news department and the editorial page are independent of each other.

This paper regularly endorses in primaries for local races in districts where one-sided party regis-

tration makes the nomination tantamount to election. But in state and national contests, we have normally deferred making a judgment until the nominations were set. One exception occurred in 1952, when this page advised New Hampshire Republicans to vote for Dwight Eisenhower in the Republican primary. Forty years later, we backed Bill Clinton for the Presidential primary in New York, and although President George Bush was unopposed in the state, we told readers he deserved renomination. In 1976, The Times picked Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Democratic Senate primary.

Those were exceptions to the rule. But these days, primaries have evolved far from their old status as internal party matters. They often involve a number of candidates whose names are not familiar to the public and whose policy differences are narrow or murky. The primary is now the point in the election process when voters are most hungry for insight, so from now on we will offer an opinion whenever it seems appropriate.

## Mr. Schumer for the Senate Nomination

It seems appropriate to initiate a new endorsement practice with an enthusiastic recommendation. Happily, the Democratic race for the United States Senate nomination gives us that opportunity. In a contest that features three strong candidates, Representative Charles Schumer of Brooklyn is our preference. As noted above, this endorsement applies only to the Democratic primary. In November the primary winner will face Senator Alfonse D'Amato in the general election.

Mr. Schumer and his primary opponents, Geraldine Ferraro and Public Advocate Mark Green, all have the capacity to serve the state well in the Senate. Ms. Ferraro, as the whole nation knows, ran as the Democratic nominee for Vice President in 1984. Since then she has been active as a lawyer, public speaker and ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. While she has sometimes seemed to have trouble charging up this campaign, Ms. Ferraro has an appealing, down-to-earth speaking style and a star quality that could make her a formidable candidate. Mr. Green has an impressive record as a city official, particularly in his fights against the tobacco lobby and mob influence in the carting industry. He has run an aggressive but fair campaign, and if he fails to win he will undoubtedly still have an important political future in the city.

What places Mr. Schumer at the head of this

distinguished list is his record in the House of Representatives. Over the last 18 years he has grown from an ambitious young politician known for his eagerness to get his name in the papers to a serious legislator with drive, determination and the ability to turn his ideas into national law. Mr. Schumer is best known for his work as the top Congressional proponent of gun control, the sponsor and driving force behind passage of the landmark Brady bill. He also is the chief Congressional architect of the clinic access bill, protecting women's right to choice. He has a real zest for the legislative process, from the nuts and bolts of committee work to floor debate. He is a tireless campaigner and is diligent in his constituent services.

A career politician in the best sense, Mr. Schumer has held elective office since he graduated from law school and ran for the State Assembly in 1974. That kind of résumé has not always been popular with voters, and for good reason. After a decade or more as legislators, most men and women tend to settle into a groove of affable accommodation or cynical crankiness. But occasionally lawmakers come along with enormous energy and the peculiar gifts necessary to become masters of the legislative process. Mr. Schumer has that gift. He is very good at using it, and he continues to get better.

## Dumping by the Coast Guard

Until the raising of the nation's environmental consciousness in the 1970's, many Americans treated their bays, rivers and streams as little more than open sewers into which trash, sewage and industrial waste could be cheaply and quickly dumped. Even so, it comes as something of a shock to be reminded that among the vandals was the official guardian of the nation's navigable waterways — the United States Coast Guard.

In the last 50 years, by its own admission, the Coast Guard dumped as many as 100,000 batteries containing toxic materials like mercury into waterways throughout the country, including the Hudson River. The batteries were used to illuminate stationery towers, buoys and other navigational markers. When the time came to replace them, the old batteries were simply pitched into the water instead of being taken to shore for safe disposal.

The Coast Guard says it stopped the dumping in the 1970's, after Congress passed the Clean Water Act and other environmental laws. But the agency did not begin a cleanup program until 1995, and to

many fishermen and environmentalists, it has done a mediocre job. Last week, 25 angling associations and conservation groups notified the Coast Guard of their intention to file suit in Federal court. Their aim is to force the agency to make public its cleanup strategy and finish the task.

The Coast Guard says it is mystified. It concedes the stupidity of its past dumping practices, but says that since 1995 its divers have recovered 39,000 batteries at nearly 9,000 sites at a cost of \$10 million, with 4,000 more sites to go. The plaintiffs, however, contend that the agency has focused on fixed sites — stationary platforms built in shallower waters — where the batteries are easier to find, leaving unexplored thousands of batteries from buoys anchored in deeper waters.

Under law, the Environmental Protection Agency is required to keep an eye on the Coast Guard's cleanup efforts. But the relevant environmental statutes also allow for citizen oversight, and so far there has been very little. The cleanup effort can only profit from a full public airing.

## Insurance Alone Won't Make Children Healthier

To the Editor:

Re Bob Herbert's "Health-Care Road Trip" (column, Aug. 31): Although I applaud the work of the Children's Health Fund, it is a mistake to assume that "getting adequate health care" will lead to healthier children.

Lack of access to medical care is only one cause of poor health. Poverty and associated malnutrition, inadequate housing, poor sanitation and other associated factors play a much larger role, especially with children. The anemia among children cited by Mr. Herbert stems from malnutrition, and physicians cannot yet prescribe food. Asthma is an environmental as well as a medical issue.

Providing health insurance to children appeals to us because we want "future generations" to have a healthy start. If the \$24 billion approved by Congress last year is supposed to improve the health of America's children, we will probably be disappointed when the program is evaluated years from now. As long as we have 20 million children living in poverty, we will have unhealthy children.

ROBERT RATNER  
Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 31, 1998  
The writer is a public health and medical student at the University of California at Berkeley and San Francisco.

To the Editor:

In "Health-Care Road Trip" (column, Aug. 31), Bob Herbert doesn't mention that of the \$ to 11 million uninsured children in America, 4.7 million are eligible for but not enrolled in Medicaid. Public health ad-

vocates know that the mere existence of programs is not enough to prevent disease. Government, business and community groups must be more active in locating the families of children without health insurance. The media and community groups should make greater efforts to inform parents of eligibility requirements.

Medicaid applications should be more widely available and simplified. Eighty-seven percent of children without insurance have at least one parent who works; allowing applications to be filed through the mail would eliminate the need for these parents to take time off work to enroll.

JOAN RELLER  
Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 31, 1998

To the Editor:

"The Uninsured Find Fewer Doctors in the House" (Week in Review, Aug. 30) inaccurately blamed managed care for the demise of the health-care safety net. Managed care has succeeded in eliminating many of the inefficient cross-subsidies that supported the safety net simply by shifting costs to other parts of the health care system. These included balance billing — when doctors charged wealthy Medicare patients the difference between Medicare's reimbursement for a procedure and their standard fee, and then applied the difference to charity work.

High costs are the key reason that many go without insurance. Until the main players in the health care debate like the American Medical Association agree to reduce medical costs (including physicians' incomes) and

commit to guaranteeing coverage for all Americans, we will not find a real solution. VINCENT ANTONELLI  
Somerville, Mass., Aug. 31, 1998

To the Editor:

Physicians and medical clinics are not the only health care providers feeling financial pressures because of managed care (Week in Review, Aug. 30). Teaching hospitals, traditionally the safety-net providers for the uninsured, continue to report increasing losses due to uncompensated care.

Growing participation of Medicaid and Medicare in managed care networks has directed the focus toward works that have the most direct teaching costs and uncompensated care have suffered. Public teaching hospitals are facing decreasing profit margins and their mission of providing care to the uninsured is threatened.

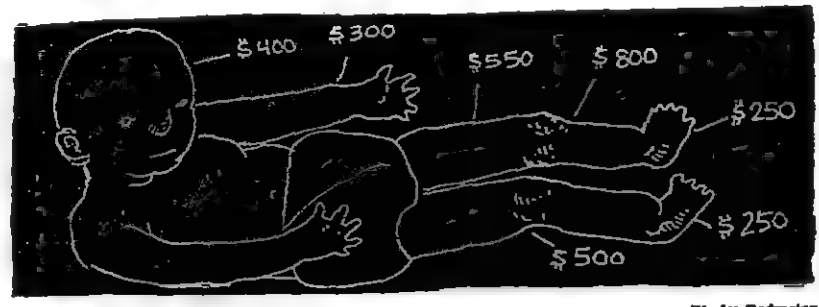
CHRISTINA ATWOOD  
Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 1, 1998

To the Editor:

Bob Herbert (column, Aug. 31) notes that more than 20 million young Americans have inadequate health-care access and some 11 million are uninsured. In New York City, children in poor neighborhoods experience dangerously low immunization rates, increasing susceptibility to vaccine-preventable illnesses like polio and measles. Given this obvious health crisis, why is New York City devoting \$2.7 million to "improve" its water quality when no safety hazard exists?

Through this program, the city aims to lessen the contaminants in our water. Yet the latest report by the Department of Environmental Protection found that the number of cases of giardiasis and cryptosporidiosis (leading causes of waterborne illness) were the lowest since active disease surveillance began about four years ago. Rather than waste scarce public health dollars on remote threats, we should focus our efforts on real needs.

ALICIA LUKACHKO  
New York, Sept. 1, 1998  
The writer is assistant director of public health at the American Council on Science and Health.



## What Did Founders Expect From the Census?

To the Editor:

The opponents of statistical sampling in the census misconstrue the Constitution's demand that "the actual enumeration shall be made within three years" as a demand for complete enumeration ("You Fill Up My Census, Even If I Can't Find You," Week in Review, Aug. 30).

Statistical sampling involves "partial enumeration" — the term used by the statesman Jacques Necker in his account of the 1781 French census, which used an elementary sampling technique.

We know from the Federalist Papers that the Founding Fathers were attentive to Necker's work. Could they have failed to notice this breadth of interpretation?

"Actual" has many meanings, but they do not include "complete." Here, it could just mean that the data must be collected on time, but publication can follow.

MICHAEL P. BARNETT  
Princeton, N.J., Sept. 1, 1998

counting all the people in the United States ("You Fill Up My Census, Even If I Can't Find You," Week in Review, Aug. 30).

Therefore the "head count" system is itself a sampling method, in which the sample is the portion of the population that actually returns the questionnaire.

The head count vs. sampling debate is really about whether the bureau will ignore the people the census takers miss. The head count method pretends they don't exist, while the statistical sampling method makes very reasonable estimates about them.

The important point is for the Census Bureau to use the most accurate method possible. KEITH BRADLEY  
Berkeley, Calif., Aug. 30, 1998

## Even the Clintons Deserve Their Privacy

To the Editor:

Re "The Privacy Ruse" (column, Aug. 30):

I believe that Maureen Dowd is generally right on the facts, but misses an essential point.

Yes, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton have been using their private life for political gain all along, and the call for privacy now rings hollow.

However, Mr. Clinton is right in principle: a private fault of his has been appropriated by his political opponents and turned into a public issue.

Whatever you think of Mr. Clinton or his actions, that is a threat to us all. There is only a small step from "the personal is political" to "the personal is criminal."

We should not allow personal distaste, moral high-mindedness or political opposition to blind us to the fact that the right to privacy and the existence of a private sphere of action separate us from totalitarianism.

PAUL GURWITZ  
Forest Hills, Queens, Sept. 1, 1998

## Election by Sampling

To the Editor:

If the head-by-head census required by the Constitution has become inadequate (Week in Review, Aug. 30), then is the one-person-one-vote concept equally inadequate? After all, a random sample of 300,000 would provide a percentage preference for candidate A with an error of two-tenths of 1 percent with 95 percent confidence. Yet this high degree of accuracy would never justify a decision to replace voting with sampling.

Just as no one seriously argues that those not voting are underrepresented, those who fall through the census for whatever reason are still represented.

ARNOLD COHEN  
Edison, N.J., Aug. 30, 1998  
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## Limits of a Head Count

To the Editor:

With the "head count" method, the Census Bureau cannot succeed in

## Great Men of Yesterday

To the Editor:

Your Aug. 30 Week in Review article "It's a Bad Time for Weak Leadership" misinterprets the relationship between capital markets and contemporary political leaders.

Contrary to your statement that capital markets "are a powerful force for prudence," market ideology has stunted political leadership in our time by promoting a vision of world order in which political freedom and democracy are second to free enterprise and capitalism.

Winston Churchill's vaunted conservatism notwithstanding, the world political order in the 1930's and 1940's offered a far broader field of policy debate than that of the 1990's.

The influence of capital markets both directly (through lobbying) and indirectly (through "market discipline") has been the key factor in constraining acceptable policy options and narrowing the pool of potential leaders.

The current situation is very similar to the one that preceded the emergence of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Harry S. Truman.

CORMAC FLYNN  
New York, Aug. 31, 1998

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## Japan's Prescription for Crisis: Be Timid! Be Timid! But Not Too Timid!

The frantic American efforts to get Japan to act boldly to cure its financial crisis remind me of the time my mother got sick in Japan and was rushed to the hospital, where the Japanese doctors' best attempts to reassure her went awry.

As the doctors called for a battery of sophisticated tests, my mother mistakenly assumed they were following the American practice of testing only when something worrisome is suspected. Visibly anxious, she asked what was wrong. The doctors thought she was doubting their thoroughness, so they ordered even more tests. The more the doctors tried to reassure my mother, the worse she felt.

The same wide cultural gap afflicts the anguished dialogue between American and Japanese financial officials. The United States is demanding root canal surgery on

Japanese banks as the best way to instill confidence in the system. The more banks shut down, the more bad loans disclosed and written off, the better. Japan counters that these steps will lead to panic, bank withdrawals and declining confidence in the nation's economic future — the opposite of what is intended.

Washington and Wall Street worry that Japan's anemic financial policies are likely to keep its economy moribund and prevent recovery throughout Asia, possibly leading to a financial collapse that will make the recent turmoil in world markets look like a warm-up. Indeed, as Kenneth Courts of Deutsche Bank has noted, Japan is more internationally isolated today than at any time since the 1930's.

Japan's problems are summed up in the career of Kiichi Miyazawa, the 78-year-old former Prime Minister

A variety of factors make inertia preferable to acting decisively.

brought in by the new Prime Minister, Keizo Obuchi, to oversee the economy. Sharp, charming and unflappable — as anyone who watched him cradle a sick President George Bush in his arms in 1991 will long remember — Mr. Miyazawa began his career as a young Finance Ministry bureaucrat after the war who resented being lectured to by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. In his memoirs he wrote that "it may be hard for young people today to understand how unpleasant it was to live under the occupation."

Any such person is unlikely to lis-

ten to American lectures, even during a crisis. But because Mr. Miyazawa is considered a giant who helped nurture the Japanese postwar miracle of state-supported capitalism, with all its coziness and impetuosity, he is especially unlikely to walk away today from a system that he feels brought Japan back from the rubble and defeat of World War II. People who know him say he embraces the "soft landing" school of Japanese finance. In that he feels a little more stimulus, and a little more openness in its banking system, will pull Japan out of its slump without causing undue panic.

The problem, according to American officials, is that the most recent Japanese program is barely enough to reverse the negative effects of Japan's ill-timed tax hike last year. Moreover, Japanese officials are still debating the criteria for auditing the

nation's ailing banks, a bit late considering that this is the seventh year of the Japanese slump. Tokyo has acknowledged bad debts of \$550 billion, but American officials and private experts say they actually approach \$1 trillion.

Japanese inaction goes beyond the cultural to the political. Those in power in Japan have a strong vested interest in the status quo. The all-powerful Finance Ministry has no desire to shed control over the economy. Like Mr. Miyazawa, Finance Ministry alumni who have gone on to wield power in business and politics tend instinctively to look out for the ministry's interests.

Mr. Miyazawa superintends these interests at the Liberal Democratic Party, which has dominated Japan for nearly all of the last 45 years. Like the old saying about the Holy Roman Empire being neither holy

nor Roman nor an empire, the ruling party is not liberal or democratic. It is less a party than a collection of special interests, from farmers to small businesses, giant corporations and organized crime, who supply money and resources to the party in return for its protection. That circle of self-interest serves as a powerful shield against demands for change.

Add to all these factors the traditional Japanese belief in the importance of consensus, and it is easy to see why radical reform is difficult. I have seen schoolchildren spending so much time trying to choose sides fairly for a baseball game that there is no time left for the game. The world economy, of course, is not a game right now. But if Russia is a onetime superpower flailing about for solutions, the Japanese spectacle is one of deep-rooted inertia in the face of genuine crisis.



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# Private Life, Public Destiny

By Garry Wills

**P**resident Clinton has been sidling his way toward contrition, and at last reached an "I'm sorry" for his "bad mistake." This is commendable, though the incremental approach impressed some as skating on the surface rather than plumbing any depths. It seemed facile, which brings to mind a passage from Book Six of Virgil's "Aeneid" that begins with the word "facilis" (easy). It says, roughly, this:

So easily one slithers down to hell —  
By night or day, no matter, one gets in.  
But grappling one's way up again to light.  
That is the task, the toil. A few succeed.  
By Jove's grace or a hero's soaring will.

The passage is famous because it delves to the heart of human experience — the easy slide into depression, or hate, or drugs or alcohol; the hard, if not impossible, struggle back out. If the President is speaking out of an analogous experience, he deserves our sympathy, no matter how glibly he put the matter.

But I could not help thinking of the passage's context: Aeneas is going down to hell voluntarily, descending into his private world of loss, to see again his father, his wife, his wronged lover, not merely to settle things with them but to learn what he needs in order to face up to his destined task. He goes backward to go forward. He plunges down in order to rise up. That ascent is harder than the descent, but it makes him in the process.

## The President's descent, and what it says about us.

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The whole of the "Aeneid" is implicit in this action. Virgil combines the most intimate poetry of his hero's interior with the public role imposed on him. We see him enter his most private self in order to go out and beyond the merely private. The leader's inner life is a crucible in which he creates a will for public use.

The contrast with modern attitudes is humbling. Today we accept from others and ourselves the use of a public role to indulge in private escape. There is no grappling with the self in order to become a fit instrument for nobler purpose. Privacy is off the map, nobody's business but our own. That may be a good enough code for others to be held to, who merely want to pry.

But it bespeaks a certain derangement of identity if that is one's attitude toward one's own life. Is the private life, the deepest self, unconnected with public performance, both of them sealed off from each other, alternate masks one puts over one's face? Is there a self to be hidden?

In such a world there is therapy rather than forgiveness. Privacy is a realm cut off from accountability. One must understand it, not question its relevance — there is no relevance. Private life is not even the business of the person living it. The public is stranded off from its roots in the private, never enriched by the kind of experience Aeneas has to undergo.

Instead of forging a public will from private anguish, like Aeneas, the modern leader slithers from public duty back into private indulgence, reversing the order of the "Aeneid." We no longer expect a leader to use the character-building experiences of his life in order to measure up to his larger responsibilities.

This attitude is reflected in the polls that show the public assuming that there is no relationship between a person and his office. People have little trust or admiration for the man, but accept the job he does. We compartmentalize ourselves in order to accommodate the politician's compartmentalizations of his life. That is not simply Mr. Clinton's problem — or that of so many other modern politicians. It is ours. "So easily one slithers..."

# Some Untouchable Ruthian Feats

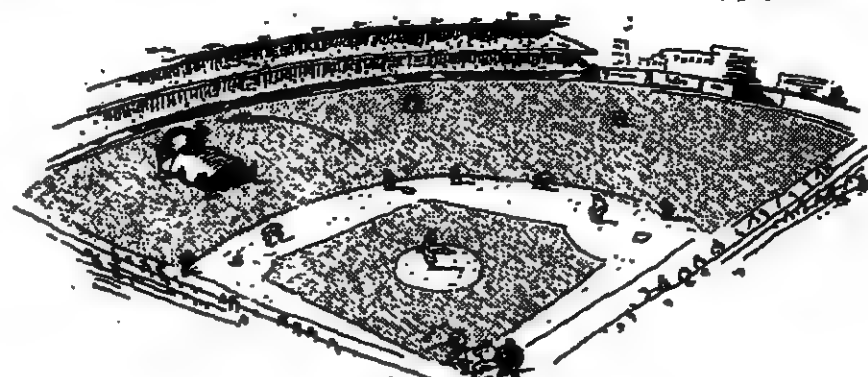
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The Mighty Babe sets a single-sitting record for chamber



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Babe plays a dramatic dance-run dinger using a 4 1/2 lb. mallet



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On a dare from the opposing players, the Babe attempts to play all nine field positions at once vs. the Tigers in '91



Boston / September '70  
The Great Ruth smokes an entire cigar in one single mighty puff

# When Russians Look Inward

By Aileen Kelly

**A**CAMBRIDGE, England — After visiting Russia in the 1920's, the philosopher Bertrand Russell confided to a friend that, horrible though the Bolshevik dictatorship was, it seemed the best sort of system for that country. "If you ask yourself how Dostoyevsky's characters should be governed, you will understand," Russell wrote.

I suspect that as Russia spins out of control many Western leaders echo Russell's view and yearn for a strong hand to arrest the chaos. But if any new dictatorship arrives, it could be even more implacably opposed to the West than Soviet Communism was.

In fact, the present crisis increases the possibility that a charismatic leader could appear on the scene and promise to mold the half-baked ideas of various groups into a doctrine of national salvation with mass appeal.

Whether this will happen depends to a large extent on a national debate occurring within Russia, where intellectuals are continuing to redefine their culture and national identity, examining its strengths and weaknesses in light of the Communist catastrophe.

In conferences, round tables and discussions in the press, social and political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists and literary critics have vigorously debated the relationship between Russian and Western culture, the nature of Russian tyranny and of the Russian "mentality" — a buzzword in post-Soviet times.

The debate is centered on the "Russian Idea." This is the belief, first promoted by the czarist state in collaboration with Orthodox theologians, that Russia's distinctive religion and culture leave it destined to follow a path separate from the materialistic West and spiritually superior to it.

This faith in Russian superiority survived into the Soviet period, along with its encouragement of xenophobia, anti-Semitism and messianic hopes. And with the fall of Communism, the "Russian Idea" has become even more popular. As preached by various neo-Communist and nationalist groups, it purports to offer a sense of self-respect and purpose to a nation cruelly humiliated by the West.

Most Russian thinkers historically have claimed that the liberal ideal of individual freedom is selfish and divisive and that the road to self-fulfillment lies in the collective pursuit of social or spiritual ideals.

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And this claim continues to find new adherents. The most popular of previously banned works reissued after the fall of Communism were those of religious philosophers like Vladimir Solovyov who forecast Russia's progress through united endeavor toward God's kingdom on earth.

Some Russians argue that today's

## Dostoyevsky's characters are growing up.

moral confusion and criminality can be overcome only by a new messianic creed that unites the nation. According to A.A. Yermolov, a new right critic, Western "liberal inventions" — like legal guarantees of rights — would be superfluous in a society grounded in religious solidarity.

These discussions may seem trivial compared with the political events that are daily threatening international markets and stability. But in Russia ideas have often had direct and terrible political consequences. One example to remember is the role of Russian messianic nationalism at the begin-

ning of this century in inspiring the first pogroms in modern Europe.

Members of the nationalist and religious right are continually defining the Russian mentality in ways that mesh with their anti-Western political programs. They marginalize all thinkers who do not conform to the messianic model. At a recent major conference on Russian philosophy, all the papers were on religious philosophers.

Many Russian intellectuals have become alarmed by this imbalance. The monthly magazine Questions of Philosophy — at one time an ideological mouthpiece of the Communist Party but now a voice of reason — has spelled out the dangers of a new orthodoxy. One contributor, V.F. Orlovichikov, has identified a tendency in universities to treat the history of philosophy not through movements or periods but through national types, with special emphasis on Russian spiritualism. G.L. Tulchinsky, a philosophy professor at St. Petersburg University, has observed that doctoral candidates in philosophy and the human sciences often cite Russian religious philosophers as routinely as they once cited Marx and Lenin.

It is no surprise that many Russian intellectuals believe that society needs not more but less unity and must learn the importance of pluralism. It is not clear, however, that grafting Western values and institutions onto Russia is the answer. Mr. Tulchinsky has re-

marked that Alexander Solzhenitsyn's Harvard address of 1978, in which he called liberal freedoms "an absurdity," gave fair warning that Soviet dissidents, much as they opposed Communism, would not necessarily embrace Western democracy.

Russia, Mr. Tulchinsky maintains, will develop a stable democracy only by harmonizing a respect for individual freedom with its own communitarian ideals and customs.

There are some signs that such a new democratic tradition is developing. For the first time in centuries the Russian people have been left to their own devices. Freed from the tyranny of state, church or party, stripped of all security, Russians have reacted to the crises of the 1990's not with anarchic violence, as was feared, but with astonishing resourcefulness, exhibiting in their daily behavior the combination of individual initiative and social solidarity that may portend a new-style "Russian Idea."

Thanks to their spectacularly incompetent Government, Russians have been undergoing a harsh training course in the self-reliance that is the basis of political maturity. Dostoyevsky's characters are growing up.

A political meltdown may yet bring the Russian right to power, but it will then have to contend with a population that is beginning to understand its past well enough to have a fair chance of not repeating it.

# A Fright-Free Social Security Screenplay

By Richard C. Leone

**T**he only sure bet about the next century is the eventual premiere of "Friday the 13th, Part 65." The movie, scripted by a policy wonk, features retired baby boomers with ravenous appetites for more Social Security and Medicare. The previews for this thriller are already at a town meeting near you.

The story line is familiar: the biggest generation ever retires, bankrupting social programs and overburdening those young enough to remain in the work force. This being Hollywood, of course, there's a cliffhanger ending in which "President" Bruce Willis saves the nation by replacing traditional Social Security with individual stock market accounts.

A flashback sequence is set in present-day Washington. On every

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street corner there's a think tank "expert" spouting optimistic estimates of future stock market returns, skipping over audience downers like market volatility and management fees. These experts also ignore the possibility that, while stocks generally are a good long-term investment, individual retirees may leave their jobs just when the market is enduring a "normal correction."

But what about an alternate story, with an easier way out — one that involves a lot less danger? Instead of leaving each Social Security investor on his own, why not simply pool the market risks by investing part of existing Social Security trust funds in equities? (Now, of course, the trust fund money is 100 percent in Treasury securities.)

This way, if the rosy scenarios are correct, diversification could eliminate shortfalls in Social Security throughout the 21st century. If they're not, this approach still reduces the costs of investment to a minimum and permits the most flexibility for coping with market gyrations. All retirees continue to receive a guaran-

## In this alternative, nobody gets hurt.

teed benefit level because a national fund, investing for all of us over the long haul, can smooth out even the biggest lumps in the market.

Even privatizers acknowledge the attractiveness of diversification, but they, like Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, are wary of the threat of "Socialism." Suppose the Government — in the form of the Social Security trust funds — winds up owning too much of American companies' stock?

Well, first, how credible is this threat? After all, 90 percent of all Social Security contributions are now paid out to current beneficiaries. A buildup of the trust funds — or private accounts — is impossible without additional revenue, through either new taxes or lower benefits. What this means is that there may not be all

that much cash to invest in the markets.

It also means that the trust funds, if diversified, probably would never own more than 5 percent of the equity market. Moreover, trust fund money could be passively invested in a broad index and overseen by a long-serving, nonpartisan board. State pension funds, unions and the Federal Thrift program today own more equities than ever, and somehow American capitalism has survived rather nicely.

Finally, remember that the projected shortfall in Social Security is forecast using a scenario of slow economic growth (less than 2 percent annually) in which the trust funds will be spent down to zero in a generation.

One can construct alternate projections, based on higher expectations about future wages and the market, in which the trust funds amass large equity holdings. Some privatizers conclude that, under such boom conditions, we should cut payroll taxes, thus keeping the size of the trust funds down.

The problem with that idea is that the taxes flowing into the trust funds

add to net national savings, and such savings help fuel long-term growth. A tax cut would inevitably reduce savings, since people never save 100 percent of a tax cut. That would impede long-term growth.

So to promote high levels of savings and to provide the money to meet future Social Security obligations, I propose a different way to cope with "too much of a good thing." Whenever the securities in the trust funds exceed the amount necessary to keep the program whole for a given period, the excess could be credited to new individual accounts for each worker. These accounts would be add-ons to, not substitutes for, Social Security and subject to restrictions on early withdrawal.

Under this plan, retirees would still be guaranteed basic benefits, and trust fund equities could never become unwieldy. The social safety net would stay intact, savings would be preserved, and individuals would share in the upside of prosperity.

But is it a movie? No skin-of-teeth ending; no explosions. Probably even Disney wouldn't touch it.

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

# Landing The Big One

WASHINGTON — This is the sizzling book proposal that is about to land on the desk of the New York publisher Judith Regan.

"HOW TO CATCH YOUR VERY OWN PRESIDENT!!!"

By Monica Lewinsky as told to Marcia Lewis.

Preface: Powerful men who are busy running things aren't as hard to get as you think. It's really, really easy if you show a little gumption and a lot of cleavage.

In fact, sometimes it's actually harder to get the attention of the President's aides than the Big He himself! Like, at first, I had this huge crush on George Stephanopoulos. He was such a hottie!!! But no matter how many times I schlepped to Starbucks for his faves, double tall lattes, George treated me like some little intern. I tried flirting with Rahm Emanuel, too. But he was all wrapped up in his wife and kid. Bor-ing!!!!

I called Mom. She knows all about the operatic passions of famous men. She scolded me for wasting my time on small fry. She told me to dream the impossible dream!!!!

## Monica's romantic rules.

I've been on an amazing voyage of self-discovery. And now I can share with you the secret to making any man, even the leader of the free world, your love puppet!

Chapter 1: Location, Location, Location.

Even a Plain Jane or a Plump Patty can beat out Sharon Stone by remembering one little thing: you're there and she isn't. It's the proximity, stupid! Men are lazy. They'll grab the closest doughnut off the platter.

You'd think it would be hard to lurk around the Oval Office. Surprise!! A lot of Xeroxing goes into running a superpower. No task is too menial if it allows you to bounce past your prey!!!

Also try this: befriend his personal secretary and cozy up to his steward.

Chapter 2: Guarding Your Turf.

Beware of bureaucratic hats who want to protect the President by transferring you across the Potomac. You must throw big hissy fits — and make your mother throw big hissy fits — until you get transferred back into his field of vision.

Beware of other girlfriends who may have stashed around the White House. And don't let any other intern handle the Presidential pizza.

Chapter 3: Dressing for Success.

You don't need an expensive dress to catch your President. The mistake most White House girls make is trying to get something that fits right and looks professional. You want something tight and unprofessional!! A snug navy blue number from the Gap and stilettos will beat a loose, elegantly tailored Calvin Klein and sensible pumps every time. (Note: If you are called before a grand jury, reverse that formula.)

Chapter 4: The Care and Feeding of the Presidential Ego.

To turn him into a panting puppy, you must be a breathless kitten. Always act excited when he calls. Always claw your way to the front of the rope line. Widen your eyes sympathetically when he complains about foreign dictators, evil prosecutors and mercenary ex-girlfriends. Don't worry if you're giving more than you're getting in the relationship. Research his yummies: Is your President an anchovies man or a mushroom man? Is he a Diet Coke guy or a Mountain Dew guy?

Lavish him with gifts. And keep everything he gives you — everything. You never know when your puppy might turn into a dog.

Chapter 5: Holidays Are Special.

These are the times when you can really be inventive!! Take out a romantic personal ad addressed to "Handsomeness" on Valentine's Day. Try a risqué romp when he gets done with church and family lunch on Easter. For a great Christmas present, try his favorite cologne. Not Obsession, but Obsurrection.

Chapter 6: Loose Lips Sink Ships.

It's super-tempting to tell your girlfriends that you're dating the President, or brag about slipping past Arafat as you snuck out of the Oval Office. But I learned the hard way: hold your tongue, at least until the ink on the book deal is dry. People are way petty!!! You have to be careful. Your friends may also have agents.

Chapter 7: Turning Rejection Into Royalties.

Love bites!! But if your President dumps you on national TV, don't get down in the dumps.

If Mr. Big turns into the Big Creep, you can turn those tears into bucks.

Chapter 8: How to Get Your Very Own President Back.

Who knows? I am very young. He is very naughty. It can be very lonely at the bottom...



## THE ARTS

# Restoring the Touch Of Genius to a Classic

Orson Welles (as Hank Quinlan, drunk): "Read my future."  
Marlene Dietrich (as Tana): "You haven't got any."  
Welles: "Huh?"  
Dietrich: "Your future's all used up. Why don't you go home?"  
— A scene from "Touch of Evil"

By WALTER MURCH

**F**ORTY years ago, in the spring of 1958, Orson Welles's "Touch of Evil" was released by Universal as a B picture, the second half of a double bill. (The A picture was "Female Animal," a now-forgotten vehicle for Hedy Lamarr.) Neither picture attracted much attention, although some reviewers were intrigued by Welles's first studio work in 10 years. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a commercial and critical disappointment, and Welles — only 43 at the time — returned to Europe and never made another feature for Hollywood.

Thus a chapter in Welles's life that had opened in 1941 with perhaps the biggest bang in cinema history, "Citizen Kane," ended nearly 20 years later with Marlene Dietrich's whispered "Adios," the final word in "Touch of Evil."

As time has gone by, though, "Touch of Evil" has acquired a large cult following, and it now regularly appears on lists of the best films of the century. What is not generally known is that the film never accurately reflected Welles's intentions for it. In July 1957, the studio took over the editing of the film and prevented him from participating in its completion.

In an odd turn of events, a 58-page memo that Welles wrote in 1957 was recently rediscovered, and a small team on which I was film editor and sound mixer has used that remarkable document to bring "Touch of Evil" as close as possible to Welles's original concept. This new version is a revival in the truest sense of the word: a revivification of a film that has lain partly embalmed for 40 years.

In 1957, playing the madam of a brothel in Los Robles, a trashy town on the Mexican border, Dietrich forecast a bleak future for her friend. But Welles's own future was, in fact, beginning to open up after a decade-long dry spell. He had spent most of those years in Europe, wandering in a wilderness of luxury hotels trying to raise money for his projects, and had succeeded in completing only two films, "Othello" (1952) and "Mr. Arkadin" (1955). The executives at Universal, however, were very happy with his rewrite of a mediocre screenplay, "Bad Day at Black Rock." It told the story of a cross-border battle of wills between an aging, corrupt but charismatic police captain, Hank Quinlan, who is haunted by the death of his wife 30 years earlier, and a young, idealistic police official in the Mexican Government, Mike Vargas (played by Charlton Heston), who is newly married to a Philadelphia girl, Susan (Janet Leigh). Once production got under way, the executives were ecstatic after Welles managed to film 10 percent of the script in the first two days; they celebrated by proposing that "Touch of Evil" be the first movie in a five-picture deal.

Trouble began during editing, which was not an unusual situation for Welles. As far as the people at Universal were concerned, he was taking too long to put the film together, and when they sneaked a look at his work — while Welles was in New York, appearing on "The Steve Allen Show" — they were horrified. The film committed perhaps the worst sin in the Hollywood book: it was a decade or so ahead of its time. Somehow, the executives had been expecting a conventional B picture, and they were upset and confused by the film's innovative editing and camerawork, its use of real locations, its unorthodox use of sound and, thematically, the boldness of its reversals of stereotypes and routine acceptance of human degradation.

Harsh words were spoken on both sides. Welles, his feelings hurt, distanced himself from the film, a tactical mistake that gratified the studio, and in the remaining six months before the film was completed, he was not allowed back into the editing room. As it turned out, he was permitted to attend only one screening, after four new scenes had been added to address what the studio perceived as issues of clarity.

The night after that screening, Welles wrote the 58-page memo to the head of the studio, Ed Muhl. It is a discursive, insightful, diplomatic, funny, heartfelt and heartbreaking document. Although a few of the ideas in the memo were sneaked into the film — Ernest Nims, who was Universal's head of post-production at the time, was a friend of Welles's — the majority of the notes were ignored.

Walter Murch, who won editing and sound-mix Oscars for "The English Patient," has worked on such other prominent films as "American Graffiti," "The Godfather" and "Apocalypse Now."

Welles, who died in 1985, claimed never to have seen the film again, which is perhaps a good thing, since an additional 15 minutes were cut after an unsuccessful preview screening. Consequently, the 58 pages of notes were virtually forgotten, then believed to be lost.

Meanwhile, in spite of its commercial failure, "Touch of Evil" quickly gathered defenders: most notably Jean-Luc Godard and François Truffaut, young French film critics who were judges at the 1958 Brussels World's Fair Film Festival, in which "Touch of Evil" was shown. The film was voted best film of the fair. ("And probably got the executive who submitted it fired from his job," Welles noted later in an interview.)

**S**tylistically, "Touch of Evil" went on to have a considerable influence on Godard, Truffaut and other filmmakers of the French New Wave. Their work, in turn, influenced a whole generation of film students in the 1960's, who were at the same time influenced directly by Welles. In fact, the impact, direct and indirect, of "Touch of Evil" continues: its fertile stylistic innovations and its themes of corruption and the crossing of actual and metaphoric borders, are reinterpreted every five years or so — the most recent examples being Curtis Hanson's "L.A. Confidential" and John Sayles's "Lone Star."

Much of my own work in its formative years was stylistically indebted to Welles, and specifically to "Touch of Evil." So I was intrigued by Jonathan Rosenbaum's article in Film Quarterly in 1992 in which fragments of Welles's memo were published. But other than wondering about the injustice of it all, I thought no more about it. The producer Rick Schmidlin, however, had a different and more productive reaction to the same article: track down the complete memo and use it to re-edit "Touch of Evil" the way Welles had wanted it to be.

## Thanks to an old memo, 'Touch of Evil' is now closer to what Orson Welles intended.

Coincidentally, Rick, whom I did not know at the time, happened to attend a lecture I gave at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and got in touch with me shortly thereafter, wondering if I was interested in taking on the job.

Rick explained that Universal, which still controlled the rights to "Touch of Evil," had discovered that the negative for the 1958 version was in good shape, although everything else (the outtakes) had been destroyed long ago; that there was a preview print, found in the mid-1970's, that had the missing 15 minutes in it, and that the original magnetic mix of the film had been found, conveniently split into three channels (one for dialogue, one for music, one for sound effects), which would give whoever took on the project a crucial degree of flexibility.

Of course, I accepted. My work on the film started in January of this year, and it proved to be one of the most artistically successful and emotionally gratifying undertakings I have ever been involved with. The laboratory team, led by Bob O'Neill, was able to repair, digitally, some scratched and torn shots in an otherwise superb master negative, and to make a superior negative off the print with the missing footage and integrate it into the body of the film. The sound team, led by Bill Varney, was able to use digital processing to bring the 40-year-old soundtracks to a new level of clarity.

On the creative level, the film now has different structuring (particularly in the beginning), with some deletions (notably one of the explanatory scenes added by the studio); different uses of music, and many trims and repositionings that serve to emphasize and clarify the story.

The 50 changes that were made did not transform the film into something completely different: we did not find the equivalent of the missing last reel of Welles's "Magnificent Ambersons," for instance. This "Touch of Evil" is simply a better version of the same film, which is to say, more in line with the director's vision, more consistent, more resonant, more confidently modulated, clearer.

Whether the film is now the way Welles would have wanted it had he been given a free hand, we will never know. This version follows the memo scrupulously, but the memo itself deftly acknowledges the studio's hammerlock. "The purpose of this memo," he wrote, "is not to discuss every change I think should be made in the final version. I am passing on

to you a reaction based not on my conviction as to what my picture ought to be, but only what here strikes me as significantly mistaken in your picture."

As it turns out, one of the changes with the biggest impact occurs in the film's famous opening shot, a 3-minute-20-second tour de force that has become a kind of Rosetta stone for film students over the last 40 years. (When I told a friend what I intended to do, there was a shocked silence at the other end of the telephone line, then a wavering voice: "That's like hearing God just phoned and wants changes in the Bible.")

I should assure the nervous that the length of the famous shot has not been changed by a single frame. It still begins with a close-up of the setting of a time bomb, the bomb's insertion into the trunk of a car, the introduction of the two visiting honeymooners (Heston and Leigh) walking blithely beside the car as it winds its way in and out of frame, and the final explosion of the time bomb at exactly the moment that was predicted at the beginning of the shot (3 minutes 20 seconds).

What has been removed are the titles the studio had superimposed — the shot now plays as a straight piece of dramatic action. And Henry Mancini's well-known title music has been replaced, according to Welles's intention, by a complex montage of source music. "The plan," he wrote in the memo, "was to feature a succession of different and contrasting Latin-American music numbers. Loudspeakers are over the entrance of every joint, large or small, each blasting out its own tune. The fact that the streets of these border towns are invariably loud with this music was planned as a basic device throughout the picture."

In the course of peeling away Mancini's music, a hidden layer of sound effects that had been suppressed during the original mix was revealed: a complete sound-effects track for the opening shot. It has been restored to its original balance in the film, allowing the audience to hear the town, the footsteps of the pedestrians, their voices, the laughter of the crowds, the sirens — even the bleating of a pack of goats stuck in the middle of the road.

As a result, viewers are immediately engaged with the film's story line and plunged into its particular atmosphere and are finally able to hear a sound track that counterpoints the visual. In addition, the sound now emphasizes an important story point: the car with the bomb has a tune playing on its radio, serving as a reminder that this is the car with the bomb.

Filmmakers spend a disproportionate amount of time getting the beginnings of their films right, primarily because two things have to be accomplished simultaneously: the story has to be started in an interesting way, and operating instructions have to be given, implicitly, on how to understand the film as a whole. If a mistake is made in these instructions, it can cast a long and baleful shadow over everything that follows.

Universal's decision to run titles and title music over the opening shot of "Touch of Evil" — trying to save time — hurt the film as a whole. The titles kept viewers at a distance from the action, and the title music told them that this was a certain kind of detective story. Around the same time, Mancini used an almost identical theme for "Peter Gunn," a television show starring Peter Graves as a debonaire detective. "Touch of Evil" was actually a kind of anti-"Gunn": Welles's Quinlan is the opposite of debonaire, eventually plunging to an ignominious death in a trash-choked open sewer.

All this is in retrospect, of course. There was nothing wrong in itself with the use of superimposed titles: it was a conventional and adequate solution, as was Mancini's music. But in comparison with Welles's original intentions, the studio's approach started things off on the wrong foot.

**O**f all the notes that he gave in his memo, the one to which Welles dedicated the most space (8 of the 58 pages) was his plea to restore the intercutting of the stories of the separated honeymooners, Susie (Leigh) and Mike Vargas (Heston): "No point concerning anything in the picture is made with such urgency and confidence as this. Do please — please give it a fair try."

The studio had flattened out Welles's original pattern of editing, believing that an audience for a B picture could not maintain two story lines simultaneously. Consequently, when the newlyweds are separated right after the bomb goes off, the studio's version stayed with Vargas for the entire sequence at the site of the explosion. Only later do we return to Susie's story and learn that she was picked up in the street and menaced by the crime boss Grandi (Akim Tamiroff).

What Welles had intended instead was to cut back and forth between the two stories: "What's vital is that both stories be kept equally and con-



Charlton Heston, left, and Orson Welles in "Touch of Evil" (1958).

tinuously alive; each scene should play at roughly equal lengths until the lovers meet again at the hotel. We should never stay away from either story long enough to lose their separate but relating threads of interest."

This argument did not hold water with the studio, but now that we can see what Welles had in mind, his solution is obviously superior. The whole film is about the separation of the newlyweds, who are briefly reunited only to be separated again, and again, not finally coming together until the end. By intercutting the two stories from the beginning, the film lets the viewer know that the stories are equally important, and that their interrelationships are as important as the stories themselves. Where these scenes were to be

intercut was not indicated in Welles's memo: he gives several options, some of them slightly contradictory, so it is clear that this was an area not fully worked out before he was dismissed. Much of the memo, in fact, has a certain ambiguity to it; there are few editorial instructions that do not require a degree of interpretation. That extra amount of responsibility made the work exciting for me, but I should say that the tone of the memo is so pungent with Welles's presence and thought processes that you can pick up what he would have preferred almost by osmosis. There were several times during the editing when I felt that he had given me these notes shortly before going into the next room to take a nap, and that I was trying to finish them all to his satisfaction before he woke up.

I have described just two of the changes we made in the film. The other 48 are not all equally significant, of course, but each contributes to the removal of hazy dissonances, and of course they have a powerful cumulative effect. The plan at this point is to publish the memo early next year, with cross-indexing from the memo to the film so that all the changes can be examined.

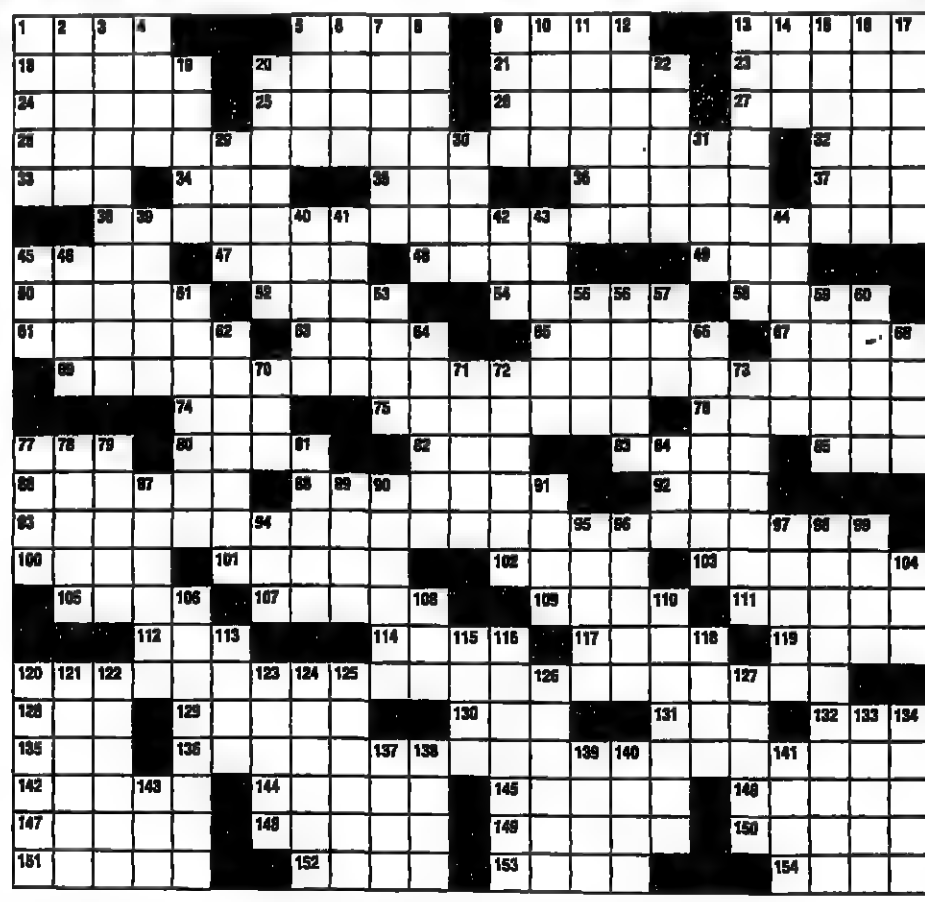
It is both wonderful and sad that Welles's memo exists. Wonderful because it gives us insights into the mind of one of the greatest filmmakers of the century. And wonderful also because its rediscovery has allowed us to finally complete the work on a film of great historical importance. Sad because, clearly, the memo should not have had to have been written in the first place.

## MORE THAN A JOB

BY RICH NORRIS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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HOR ROUN GRAY CLOSE  
AXES AMERICJINETA  
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RIOTER TINTS BRISTLE  
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Cantor Rowland at work: 'Everyone brings their own strength and personality to it.'

(The Baltimore Sun)

## When the cantor is a soprano

Female voices are rising more and more prominently in prayer as women cantors become the norm in America's Reform synagogues, John Rivera writes

Judith K. Rowland, the cantor at a Baltimore synagogue, is at the top of a profession that, just a generation ago, didn't admit women.

But for Rowland, who leads worship at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the city's largest synagogue, and who recently completed a three-year term as president of the American Conference of Cantors, her gender isn't a big deal.

And that, she says, is a big deal. "It says that women have the same opportunities as men," Rowland said. "It says there's no controversy. That it's commonplace."

Cantors are considered clergy who serve in synagogues. They not only sing during synagogue services but also preside at weddings and funerals, and supervise bar mitzva and bat mitzva education.

Rowland, 42, the second woman president of the 400-member American Conference of Cantors, which represents cantors in the Reform movement, "wasn't elected because she was a woman. She was elected because she's the best person for the job," said Rhoda J.H. Silverman, another female

cantor in the Baltimore area.

"It's not so much about her being a woman. It's about her being the best."

About 140 women are in the American Conference of Cantors. And in recent years, women have outnumbered men in cantorial school. The 1998 class at Hebrew Union College, the only Reform cantorial school, had eight women and three men.

When Rowland was growing up, there were no female rabbis and no female cantors. Female cantors were not invested in Reform Judaism until 1975. Conservative synagogues started investing women cantors in 1987. They are not permitted in Orthodox Judaism.

"There was no role model," she said. "I couldn't look at a woman cantor and say, 'I want to be that.'"

But in retrospect, Rowland

seemed cut out to be a cantor. Her father is a retired Reform rabbi. She was active in Reform youth work at the local and national levels. And she loved to sing.

"I dabbled in stage roles of all kinds," she said. "I dabbled in opera, Broadway kinds of things, rock 'n' roll and folk music."

In 1975, when Hebrew Union College in New York invested its first woman cantor, Rowland was a sophomore voice major at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

One day she learned that a friend and classmate had decided he was going to be a cantor.

And she thought, Why not me, too? "There was nothing that fulfilled me like when I was doing synagogue activities," she said. "It never occurred to me that I couldn't do it because I was a woman. I just hadn't thought of it."

WHEN Rowland graduated in 1981 from cantorial school, "I was one of 11 women (nationally) in the cantorate at that point," she said.

She served in New York synagogues — each progressively larger, in Forest Hill, Oceanside, on Long Island, and Spring Valley — before coming to Baltimore two years ago.

In her first jobs she encountered resistance from people who were not ready to hear a female voice during the Sabbath service.

"In the beginning, there were off-color comments, which I really don't hear anymore," she said.

Some people were put off because, according to how they interpreted Jewish law, they believed women cantors were not permitted. Others, accustomed to the tenor or baritone of male cantors, were not used to hearing the soprano or alto of a woman's

voice in the synagogue.

But Rowland argued that cantorial styles don't correspond to whether the cantor is a man or a woman.

"Some people will say a woman is more nurturing or a woman is more soothing, but I've known men who are nurturing or soothing," she said.

"I think everyone brings their own strength and personality to it, and I don't think that's a man or woman thing."

The only major difference she sees between her life and that of her male colleagues is that she has to balance a job that takes up 60 to 80 hours a week with being a mother of a high school-age daughter and a middle school-age son.

And in a turnabout, just as older people were unaccustomed to hearing a woman sing in the synagogue, some young people have only heard women.

"We are bringing up a generation of young people who have only heard a woman's voice as cantor," Rowland said.

"And, occasionally, you hear a gem out of a child's mouth, who says, 'Gee, I didn't know a man could be a cantor.'"

(The Baltimore Sun)

## The Diana who lived

"Smile!" Diana Campuzano, visiting Jerusalem a year ago, froze for the camera. She would not smile again for a long, long time.

A few minutes after that photo was taken, Diana's life blew up in her face. A suicide terrorist struck barely three meters from where she was sitting, at a cafe on Ben-Yehuda.

Another attack, another statistic: the toll.

The dead. Perhaps it is too much grievous impact for us to dwell on the injured too. With four dead, or eight, or 20, we mourn that many, and give a passing thought to the wounded: At least they'll live.

Yes. But what of those living? "There were days I wanted to kill myself, days I hated God."

Diana didn't die on September 4, 1997. But she's had a tormented life since: surgeries, rehab, a shattered self-image.

"My head was cracked open, a hole the size of a golfball. I have a fake forehead. You know, the doctors had to use rweezers to remove skull parts from my brain. I had second-degree burns on my arms and legs. I lost an eardrum. I can't hear too well, and my eye was damaged. I can't taste or smell. This is not my nose."

"The first time I looked in the mirror, two days later, I was

edged Israeli Jew. "Why are these Israelis always shouting?" Ramiro asked. "They just talk loud," Diana explained. For weeks, she and her dad confronted anger, fear, pain and shock — and Hadassah Hospital's nurses.

The Campuzanos were not enamored by the bedside manner: Diana says they were careless, and uncaring; Ramiro, who was asked by one doctor to stop asking the nurses questions, felt "harassed," and threatened to sue the doctor.

Diana admits to being confrontational. She has her opinions; ask for them and you'll get a frank earful. She's practically Israeli in that way. But she does not plan to settle here, even if she is still committed to embracing Judaism.

She hated God early in her tribulation, demanding to know why she had been chosen to suffer. Then she came to accept whatever plan He had in mind. Her faith deepened; she surrendered to Him completely. "There was a reason for me to be there," she says, espousing fatalism over fanaticism.

"I thank God for being with me, for keeping me alive." Then she adds: "Well, sometimes I don't."

And that's the thing about being a secondary statistic: The merely wounded can get emotional, can hate God then thank

People think: How lucky she is to be alive. But I can't tell you how many times I have wanted to be dead. I mourn who I was

numb. The next day, I just broke down and cried.

"I hate the way I look." Diana's eyes flash. "Those bastards."

She doesn't hate Arabs, just fanatics. "I have to go through this because they're promised a hundred wives in heaven for killing Jews."

And there's the irony, Diana, 33, from Rochester, New York, came here as part of her desire to become a Jew. Her parents, devout born-again Christians originally from Colombia, did not even know their daughter was in Israel, did not know she was converting to Judaism. When her Dad, Ramiro, got the call, he could comprehend none of it.

"The operator told me there was a collect call from Ezra in Jerusalem. I responded that I did not know any Ezra and that she must have the wrong number. Two minutes later the phone rang again and the operator repeated the same story. I gave her the same answer, but then I heard a voice in the background saying: 'Tell him it's about his daughter Diana.'"

"I accepted the call and Ezra told me Diana had just left surgery but that she was OK. I said: 'What are you talking about?' I did not know there was an explosion in Jerusalem. I told Ezra that Diana was in New York City. Suddenly, he found himself in Israel, nursing his horribly devastated daughter, because Arabs were killing Jews which, to his shock, now involved his family.

Part of the shock was cultural. Whatever his experience with Jews in America, it did not prepare him for the rolling, rough-

Him, can be both heroic and weak.

Diana didn't think or feel anything for the first three weeks. But it's been a rollercoaster ever since.

She had her epiphany nine months later. "God," she beseeched, "Please, be with me, guide me, give me the strength."

It happened. She may not be perfectly at peace with her fate, but since then she has had more good days than bad. And she sees things differently.

"My outlook has changed. My life in the last year was complete hell. Complete hell. But God has given me a gift, a better appreciation for life, even the small things."

Like, not what she lost that terrible day a year ago, rather, what she didn't lose. After all, she was "merely" wounded.

"People think: How lucky she is to be alive. But I can't tell you how many times I have wanted to be dead. Sometimes I think the dead ones are the lucky ones. They got to live their lives as a whole person: nothing altered, nothing changed."

"I mourn who I was."

Is it a triumph to suffer for a lifetime, over the dead denied that choice?

Not you, nor I, nor the wisest philosopher can rightfully answer. No one has that right but those who've suffered, unimaginably, as Diana has.

Sometimes over the past year the answer has been yes, sometimes, no. Sometimes it depends on where she seeks the answer — in that mirror, mirror on the wall, or in the final photograph of her last 20 minutes as Diana Campuzano.

## Tapping the Great Spirit within

Men have had their say long enough about what religion is. Women are beginning to reclaim their spirituality in groups that celebrate female resources, values and rituals, Bill Broadway reports

This story is for and about women. Men may read it. But as far as the women quoted here are concerned, men have had their say long enough about what religion is and how a person should express her spirituality.

It is time, they say, for women to reclaim their spiritual nature, to find comfort in their bodies and the world around them and to develop individual relationships with the Creator.

How that happens differs from woman to woman, because "there are no experts," said Robin Deen Carnes, a leading voice on women's spirituality and co-author of *Sacred Circles: A Guide to Creating Your Own Women's Spirituality Group*.

"Everything divine is within us, and to bring out that expertise is to be who you really are," Carnes said during a taping of *Godtalk*, an interfaith television program hosted by Bridget Mary Meehan.

Carnes and book collaborator Sally Craig were guests on the final two segments of a 10-part series on women's empowerment. Other participants have included Sophy Burnham, author of the best-selling *A Book of Angels*, and a mixture of Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Muslims discussing what some observers call a "feminine spiritual awakening" in the US and abroad.

Meehan, a nun with the Sisters of Christian Community, an order founded in the 1970s that has not sought official recognition and approval of the Vatican, stirred up the Roman Catholic community

last year with a 10-part *Godtalk* on human sexuality. Meehan's guests challenged the church's stance on such issues as birth control, divorce, homosexuality and the ordination of women as priests.

But Meehan, 50, says she is not on a crusade to radically alter the Catholic Church. Her scope is much broader: exploring the ways

**"We tell women, 'You can do this. It's magic, but that doesn't mean it's beyond you'"**

— Robin Deen Carnes

women are finding spiritual fulfillment within and without the boundaries of traditional religions.

"I am a bridge builder," said Meehan, who advocates that women reclaim the spiritual authority and voice they had before the rise of Christianity, when goddesses were revered as highly as gods, and when life was "more communitarian, more egalitarian."

For Meehan, that means transforming Christianity, not replacing it with paganism.

"I don't want to be portrayed as someone who worships goddesses, but as one who has great respect for

[that] older journey," she said.

Workshops and seminars on feminist theology, mysticism, herbalism, music and dance have proliferated throughout the country. Three at Washington National Cathedral featured "walking the labyrinth."

In this revival of a medieval tradition, participants walk a flower-shaped maze of concentric circles painted on a large canvas the way pilgrims did 800 years ago in completion of their journey to cathedrals at Chartres and other cities.

"This is the most powerful stuff that's ever happened to me spiritually," Meehan said of her involvement in the movement. She invited Craig and Carnes, who helped organize the events at the cathedral, to *Godtalk* to discuss their book on how women can form circles, or groups, for spiritual guidance and inspiration.

Craig, 54, and Carnes, 41, said they formed their group in Washington five years ago and wrote *Sacred Circles* because so many women, after hearing of its success, wanted to join.

But allowing it to grow beyond 15 would defeat part of the purpose, intimacy, so they decided to tell others how to form their own groups.

Craig and Carnes, both of whom are married with children, said the purpose of their group is to celebrate "essential female resources, values and rituals."

Group members pray, dance, tell stories, draw, sing, give one another



Trumpeting for joy: Many women feel the need to develop relationships with their Creator. (Lisa Harnett)

er massages, recount dreams and visions, light candles — whatever feels right at the time.

"We tell women, 'You can do this. It's magic, but that doesn't mean it's beyond you,'" Carnes said.

But the sacred circle is not intended to be a support group for people with severe or continuing emotional problems. "We only wanted women who were not psychologically needy, [who are not] high-maintenance women," said Craig.

That does not mean psychological healing does not take place, but it's not the primary purpose, she said.

Craig and Carnes have been traveling since January to promote the book, which has sold more than 14,000 copies, and to direct workshops and give talks. They have been amazed by the hunger for virtually anything about women's spirituality.

Many women have left a religion or denomination because they felt beaten down rather than uplifted by their churches, synagogues or

mosques, said Carnes, who found her Southern Baptist upbringing "dutiful and dull."

Sunday school lessons and sermons seldom celebrated the lives of women, she said. Carnes said it took "years of recovery" before she felt "safe around religion" again.

Today she doesn't attend a church, but finds joy in her monthly spirituality group. Craig calls her spiritual journey a "180-degree" experience.

She was raised in a "secular Unitarian" household, but now belongs to the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and has nurtured a longtime interest in Buddhist practice and philosophy.

Women have made inroads in politics, business, the family and other social institutions, Carnes said, but only now are "questioning and reclaiming their spiritual perspective."

Experiencing "the Creator and Great Spirit as being feminine as well as masculine empowers women like nothing else does," she said. (The Washington Post)

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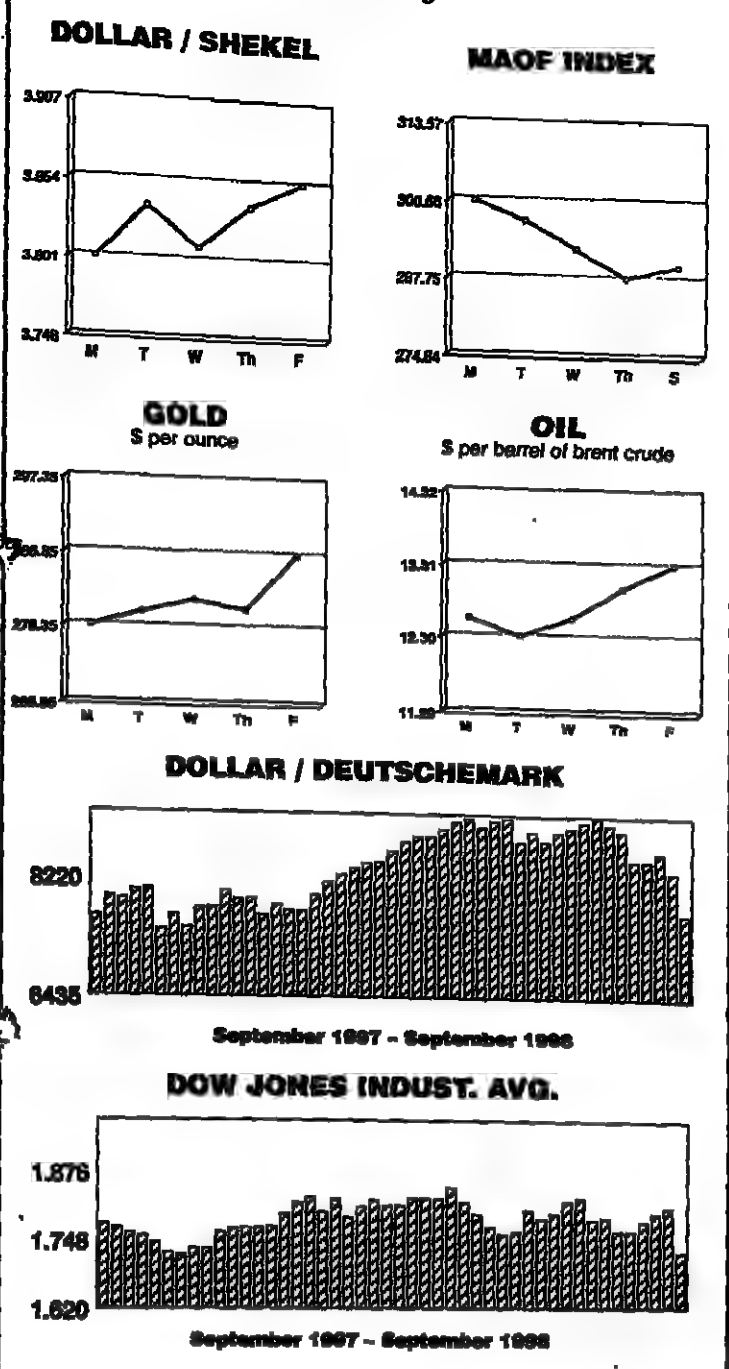
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### Haifa's computer exhibition opens today

Haifa's first-ever computer and office automation exhibition will open today as the first event in the city's new Congress Center. Over 100 Israeli companies, representing 600 high-tech manufacturers and service suppliers here and abroad, will have a presence at the exhibition, which is being organized by the Stier Group. Called Enter98, the Haifa computer exhibition is planned as an annual affair through 2001. Among the innovations are a machine that digitally copies documents and can transfer the data directly to a printer and a machine that digitally binds papers together. *Judy Siegel*

### Arab banks discuss unified economic reports

Heads of Arab central banks are in Jordan to review a draft before launching a unified Arab economic report to analyze economic developments in the Arab world and its investment flow. Kuwait's official news wire Kuna reported. The Union of Arab Stock Exchanges, which is present at the meeting, said a single financial market was necessary due to the liberalization of international trade in services and to boost investment in Arab equities. In 1997, the number of listed companies on the nine main Arab exchanges rose to 1,184 from 1,091 in 1996. *Bloomberg*

### Vodafone eyes £40b. Airtouch deal

Vodafone, Britain's largest mobile phone operator, is considering a potential £40 billion merger with the US's Airtouch, the *Observer* said on Sunday. It said industry sources had confirmed the two firms held talks last year but could not agree on a price. But it added that since then Vodafone's value had more than doubled, making a deal more viable. Vodafone was not immediately available for comment. The paper said analysts believed Vodafone could turn the superior valuation of UK mobile phone companies compared with those on Wall Street to its advantage. Airtouch, based in San Francisco, is America's second biggest mobile phone company and is valued at £19b., compared with Vodafone's £23b., the paper said. The *Observer* said both companies had extensive European operations but little overlap. It said one suggestion was instead of a full merger the two firms could decide to pool those European operations in a separate company, leaving Vodafone and Airtouch in sole charge of their domestic markets. *Reuters*

### LIFFE considers merger with LCH

Britain's LIFFE (London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange) derivatives exchange is considering a merger with the London Clearing House (LCH) in a bid to fend off the encroaching dominance of its European rivals, British newspapers reported yesterday. The *Sunday Telegraph* and the *Sunday Times* said talks were believed to be under way between the two organizations, although agreement had not yet been reached. The *Sunday Times* quoted LCH chief executive David Hardy as saying: "It is a difficult balance. All I would say is that we are as keen as LIFFE to see its short-term interest rates franchise remain extremely successful because that is important to us as a business." LCH is a back office operation that settles contracts for the London Metal Exchange, the International Petroleum Exchange and Tradepoint. Any merger with LIFFE would create greater flexibility and allow banks which already trade on LIFFE to make big savings in their back office operations. *Reuters*

# Frenkel: Budget must devote more resources to growth

By NINA GILBERT

The budget framework must be "significantly altered," Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel said yesterday. It must boost investment in growth-generating areas of physical and human infrastructure and research and development, at the expense of other areas which contribute little to the economy, he added. Frenkel was speaking at yesterday's cabinet meeting, where the Treasury presented its proposal for the 1999 state budget. The cabinet is due to continue its discussion tomorrow morning and to vote on the package late at night. "This is the correct and efficient solution for renewing growth and [solving] the problem of unemployment, which is a major social and economic problem," he said. At the same time, Frenkel said the

changes must be made without violating the budget deficit target of 2 percent of GDP and without raising the tax burden, which hurts profitability and productivity. The government is expected to have a majority to pass the budget, despite the opposition of many MKs, while others will make their support conditional on a boost in spending for their ministries. The budget spending framework has been set at NIS 173.8b., with total expenditure including debt repayment at NIS 206.3b. At the same time, NIS 2.3b. has been set aside for investment in areas of government priority, including infrastructure and defense. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his cabinet yesterday that if the government hadn't reduced its deficit over the past two years, the country could be in serious situation in which its international credit lines would be in jeopardy.

The government's first aim, he said, is to preserve the stability of the economy and reduce unemployment. The second aim is defense, he said, in order to provide an answer to long-range threats. Third, he said, the government must prepare itself for the possibility of a real increase in immigration. Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, who is opposed to the budget framework, said, "It is very strange that the prime minister speaks about upcoming immigration, yet the Treasury is cutting our budget and not meeting promises." Edelstein ordered his staff to cut off all contacts with the Treasury. "The Treasury is disregarding the ministers. They are supposedly the professionals and know best. They issued the budget on Thursday afternoon and expect the ministers to jump in line on Sunday," he said. Edelstein and Industry and Trade Minister

Natan Sharansky are opposed to the entire budget package due to the decision to cut the deficit to 2% of GDP. At yesterday's meeting, Sharansky said the NIS 50m. increase being offered for research and development support was "absurd," calling it a "bad joke." National Infrastructure Ariel Sharon is expected to vote against the budget unless more funds are invested in the country's railways, with the aim of solving the national traffic problems, boosting growth and reducing unemployment, according to sources. Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan is fighting against the Treasury's proposed rate hike of 8% for use of fresh water by farmers. His aides said he would vote against the budget if this issue were not resolved, but believed that it would be by tomorrow so as to ensure Eitan's support for the budget.



### Russians invest in goods

Two men carry a TV set they bought at the All-Russia Exhibition Center in Moscow on Saturday. Russians have been shopping heavily of late in an effort to rid themselves of their rubles out of fear the currency may devalue further. *(AP)*

## Shekel drop helps exports

By NINA GILBERT

The profitability of industrial exports improved in first half of the year, largely due to a 2.7 percent real depreciation of the shekel against the dollar, an increase of 4.2% in output per working hour, and a 1.8% drop in prices of imported industrial inputs, according to a study conducted by the Manufacturers Association. However, the study, prepared by the association's economics department, said there was no growth in industrial production in the second quarter compared with first quarter. In the first half of the year, there was an 8% drop in industrial investment in equipment and machinery, and a 28% decline in investment in commercial vehicles. In the second quarter, the industrial workforce decline by 2,000. The biggest layoffs were in the wood and furniture industry, with a 7% reduction, followed by a 4% decline in the plastics and minerals sectors. In the textile industry, the number of workers dropped 3%; in the food industry, 2%. At the same time, the association said industrial wages rose by 7.4% in the January to May period, compared with the same period last year. Association economics branch head Shuki Abramovitz attributed this to the rise in minimum wage and the shortage of workers in certain sectors, despite the slowdown in the economy. The high-tech sector in particular is suffering from a lack of skilled manpower, which has forced employees to raise salaries in a bid to attract talented workers.

## Turkish PM accompanied by large business delegation

By DANNA HARMAN

When Turkish Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz arrives in Jerusalem for talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today, the large Turkish business delegation traveling with him will be heading to Kibbutz Ma'aleh HaHaimish for a seminar with their local counterparts. The approximately 100 delegation members are scheduled to

participate in a one-day trade and industry seminar, along with representatives of major Israeli companies. "Turkey is one of the few countries in which trade with Israel - both exports and imports - is increasing constantly. We are interested in continuing and expanding this cooperation and finding new areas, such as research and development, in which to cooperate," said

Turkish Ambassador Baris Ozener. There is currently \$610 million worth of annual trade between the two countries. "We have made it clear to our Arab neighbors and friends that having good relations with Israel should not have any effect on our relations with them," added Ozener. The Turkish companies participating in the seminar include

several large holding companies, such as Yashar and Alarko Holdings, and an array of others in areas ranging from tourism and trade to food, agriculture, construction, and software.

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# Seles, Hingis to lock horns in quarter-final

## US OPEN TENNIS

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Martina Hingis and Monica Seles battled baffling winds and a pair of stubborn opponents to post fourth-round victories yesterday and set up a marquee showdown in the quarter-finals of the US Open tennis championships.

The sixth-seeded Seles, twice an Open champion, was first into the last eight with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 victory over fellow-American Kimberly Po on a sunny, breezy day at the National Tennis Center.

"This is more than wind," said Seles after her one hour, 38-minute struggle against Po. "I mean, you hit a ball, and it goes here instead of going here, by two meters it can vary. I never played in conditions like this. I talked to 20 players now, and we all say the same thing."

Top-seeded defending champion Hingis followed Seles onto center court at Arthur Ashe Stadium and also exited a winner, 6-4, 6-4 over promising 19-year-old Nathalie Dechy of France.

"She played well when it was close," explained Dechy, who like the other valiant loser, Po, had not lost a set in her first three matches in a surprising Open campaign.

Seles trails Hingis 5-2 in their career head-to-head, but Seles has won the last two against the reigning world No. 1, at the semifinals of the French Open and Canadian Open.

Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna took the first step toward setting up another tantalizing quarter-final in a tournament that has gone numbly according to form by beating ninth seed Irina Spilica of Romania 6-3, 6-3.

Novotna faces the winner of the opening match of last night's



**SOUND OF VICTORY** — Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands celebrates his win over Greg Rusedski during their third-round match at Flushing Meadow.

match between eighth seed Steffi Graf, winner of 21 Grand Slam titles, and 11th-seeded Swiss Patty Schnyder.

The first men's result of the day was cause for celebration as Briton Tim Henman, the 13th seed, marked his 24th birthday by winning a place in the round of 16. Henman beat Germany's

Michael Kohlmann, the last qualifier remaining in the draw, 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 at Louis Armstrong Stadium. The serve-and-volleying Henman meets the winner of last night's third-round match between Australian Mark Philippoussis and Lucas Arnold of Argentina.

Also advancing to the fourth

round was 11th seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov. The Russian shot past unseeded Nicolas Kiefer of Germany 6-4 6-0 6-2. Kafelnikov awaits either fifth-seeded former Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands or Sweden's Thomas Johansson.

Saturday's late games

ed just 78 minutes to defeat Mikael Tillstrom 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the fourth round.

Sampras, serving 14 aces at up to 125 mph, was expressionless for most of the match as he pounded winners past the Swede. But the four-time US Open champion raised his arms to the crowd to solicit applause on one point after slamming a forehand down the line.

Sampras' next opponent will be unseeded Marat Safin, the Russian teenager who became a crowd favorite in Paris with his improbable run through this year's French Open. He defeated Thomas Muster in the third round.

The third-seeded Rafter, who lost just six points on his first serve and never faced a break point, will face No. 14 Goran Ivanisevic in the fourth round.

Andre Agassi won 6-2, 6-3, 6-0 in 96 minutes over Davide Sanguinetti, who twisted his right ankle late in the first set and played the rest of the match with the ankle heavily taped.

Agassi's next opponent will be No. 9 Karol Kucera.

The only men's seed to lose Saturday was No. 6 Greg Rusedski, who was upset 4-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 by Jan Siemerink in a match that lasted 3 hours, 22 minutes. Rusedski was a US Open finalist last year.

Women's winners included No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 7 Conchita Martinez, No. 10 Nathalie Tauziat, No. 12 Mary Pierce, No. 13 Amanda Coetzer and No. 15 Russian pin-up girl Anna Kournikova.

Fourteen of the 16 women's seeds reached the fourth round, the first time that has happened since 1987.



**EVASIVE ACTION** — Florida RB Terry Jackson eludes a tackle by a Citadel linebacker to score a TD. Florida won the season opener for both teams, 49-10.

## Notre Dame upsets Michigan

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Notre Dame took a little more than a half before showing Michigan and its critics that 1997 and its long off-season are history. Notre Dame scored on its first five second-half possessions, overcoming a sluggish first half to beat defending national champion Michigan 36-20 Saturday.

The season-opening win was a shocking turnaround from a 1997 season that saw Michigan win its first national title in 49 years and Notre Dame lose six games for the first time since 1986.

Jarvis Jackson threw two touchdown passes in his first start and Aubrey Denson carried 24 times for a career-best 162 yards and two TDs as the 22nd-ranked Irish snapped No. 5 Michigan's 12-game winning streak.

Tom Brady, in his first start for Michigan, was 23 of 36 for 267 yards. The rest of the Wolverines looked anything like champions, missing four of six field goals and losing two fumbles.

Tim Couch and Ricky Williams each opened their Heisman Trophy campaign with big games. Couch threw for 498 yards and seven touchdowns as Kentucky routed Louisville 68-34. Williams ran for 215 yards and six touchdowns as Texas beat New Mexico State 66-36.

No. 1 Ohio St. 34  
No. 11 W. Virginia 17  
No. 1 Ohio State started its run for the title. Joe Germaine passed for 301 yards and two touchdowns and Michael Wiley ran for 140 yards and another score for the Buckeyes. Germaine completed 18 of 32 passes without an interception.

Zercoe, 10th in the Heisman Trophy balloting last season, gained 77 yards on 20 attempts. No. 3 Florida 49, Citadel 10  
At Gainesville, Florida, Jesse Palmer threw for 301 yards and

four touchdowns and Terry Jackson ran for 127 yards and two scores to lead Florida.

No. 4 Nebraska 38

Alabama-Birmingham 7  
At Lincoln, Nebraska, Eric Crouch, making his first college start, ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to lead Nebraska.

Playing for the injured Bobby Newcombe, Crouch completed 11 of 17 for 127 yards and the TD. He also ran seven times for 69 yards for Nebraska (2-0).

No. 6 Kansas St. 66

Indiana St. 0

At Manhattan, Kansas, Michael Bishop ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third and the kicking team scored twice as Kansas State came within one point of the school record.

No. 10 Tennessee 34

No. 17 Syracuse 33

At Syracuse, New York, Jeff Hall kicked a 27-yard field goal as time expired to give Tennessee a stunning victory in the first game of the post-Peyton Manning era.

Miami of Ohio 13

No. 12 North Carolina 10

At Chapel Hill, North Carolina, John Scott kicked a 37-yard field goal with one second left and Travis Prentice ran for 162 yards as Miami of Ohio ruined Carl Torbush's regular-season coaching debut.

No. 13 Penn St. 34

No. 21 Southern Miss. 6

At State College, Cordell Mitchell ran for a career-high 99 yards in his first start and Penn State's defense held Southern Mississippi to 9 yards rushing.

No. 19 Georgia 56, Kent 3

At Athens, Georgia, Quincy Carter, the first freshman quarterback to start a season-opener for Georgia, threw for 235 yards and three touchdowns.

## Carey stars for North in AFL playoffs

MELBOURNE (AP) — North Melbourne captain Wayne Carey showed why he is considered the best player in the Australian Football League with another brilliant hand in the Kangaroos' play-off victory on the weekend.

Carey kicked five goals against a tenacious Essendon in North's 11.16 (82) to 8.12 (60) victory which put it one win away from the championship game.

North coach Denis Pagan was thrilled with his side's performance, particularly after the poor start in which the Roos failed to go inside the forward 50-meter area for the first 15 minutes and Essendon took a nine-point lead at quarter-time.

"I can't remember us having a statistic like that ever," Pagan said. "At quarter-time we should have been further behind than we were but I thought after that our blokes were terrific even though we didn't play anywhere near our capabilities."

Sydney overcame St. Kilda in a thrilling match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Greg Stafford kicked the winning goal seven minutes from full-time in a 12.17 (89) to 13.9 (87) victory and Saints' Nicky Winmar had a chance to give his team the win but stabbed a late shot wide of the goal.

It was St. Kilda's first loss at Sydney's home ground since 1989, having won its last seven matches there including a 101-point thumping three months ago.

St. Kilda stayed in contention when Western Bulldogs thrashed West Coast Eagles 18.13 (121) to 7.9 (51).

West Coast was eliminated while the Bulldogs and North Melbourne earned a week off.

Melbourne continued its great season with a crushing 17.13 (115) to 9.13 (67) win over defending champion Adelaide, setting up the win with a six-goal first quarter.

Melbourne, which finished four wins adrift at the bottom of the table last season, was well served by Jeff Farmer, who kicked six goals, and outstanding ruckman Jeff White.

"It was our worst four quarter performance of the season," said Adelaide coach Malcolm Blight. "It's the first time all season our midfield has been completely overwhelmed."

Melbourne plays St. Kilda and Sydney plays Adelaide in next week's play-offs.

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Joe Hoffman & Ori LewisLancashire win  
NatWest by  
nine wickets

LONDON (AP) — England batsman John Crawley scored an unbeaten half-century yesterday as Lancashire cruised to a nine-wicket win over Derbyshire in a rain-affected NatWest limited-overs final at Lord's.

Derbyshire managed a total of 103, going back for 19 minutes yesterday morning after bad light stopped play Saturday with the score at 92 for seven.

In reply, Lancashire lost only one wicket, Michael Atherton for 10, before Crawley (53) and Neil Fairbrother (38) combined to score the required runs.

Derbyshire started positively, with Australia's Michael Slater and Kim Barnett combining for a first-wicket partnership of 70.

But disaster struck after Slater was bowled by Ian Austin for 34. Derbyshire crashed, losing seven wickets for 11 runs in the space of 55 deliveries.

Derbyshire added just 11 runs for the loss of the last three wickets in 27 balls when play resumed Sunday to register the third-lowest total in a final at Lord's.

Crawley reached his half-ton with his 11th boundary in 90 balls to steer Lancashire to the first of a possible three domestic titles this season.

## Favre tops Sanders in battle of MVPs



GREEN BAY (AP) — Forget about the dueling MVPs. This was about dueling kick returners.

In the first matchup of reigning MVPs in NFL history, Brett Favre's Green Bay Packers beat Barry Sanders' Detroit Lions 38-19 yesterday.

Or was it Roell Preston's Packers over Terry Fair's Lions? Sanders' streak of 14 consecutive regular-season 100-yard rushing games came to an end as he gained 70 yards in 17 carries.

Favre was a workmanlike 23-for-31 for 193 yards and a touchdown before hooking up with Antonio Freeman for an 84-yard TD pass with 1:53 left.

But the kick returners stole this show. Detroit's Fair returned a kickoff 101 yards for a touchdown as the third quarter expired, and Preston promptly replied with a 100-yard TD return to restore Green Bay's 12-point lead, 31-19.

The Packers have won 28 straight games at Lambeau Field, including four playoffs.

Giants 31, Redskins 24

All-Pro Michael Strahan scored on a 24-yard interception return as the New York Giants' opportunistic defense either scored or set up three third-quarter touchdowns in a home win over error-prone Washington.

The Redskins, second to the NFC champion Giants last season, were picked by many experts to dethrone New York after spending \$57 million to shore up the middle

of their defense with tackles Dana Stubblefield and Dan Wilkinson. They helped, but the Giants' defense made more big plays, recording eight sacks and intercepting consecutive passes from Gus Frerotte early in the second half to set up two quick touchdowns for a 24-10 lead.

Danny Kanell (15-of-28 for 159 yards) threw two touchdowns for the Giants, who had the NFL's best takeaway turnover ratio last season at plus 25.

Steelers 20, Ravens 13

At the housewarming party for their new stadium, Baltimore was the ones handing out gifts.

Kordell Stewart scored Pittsburgh's first touchdown after Baltimore botched a punt and the Steelers took advantage of the Ravens' shoddy kicking game.

Ravens quarterback Jim Harbaugh left for good midway in the second quarter after hyperextending the ring finger on his right hand. The injury apparently occurred when he hit the ground after being hit by Camell Lake.

Backup Eric Zeier threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Jermaine Lewis with 2:48 left to bring Baltimore to 20-13. But a 68-yard punt by Josh Miller left the Ravens at their 4 with 27 seconds left.

Seahawks 38, Eagles 0

The defeat was so dismal for host Philadelphia that their fans got tired of booing ex-Eagle Ricky Waters. They have plenty of other things to worry about.

Waters, returning to Veterans Stadium with the Seattle Seahawks, wasn't even the focal point in their 38-0 victory over Philadelphia — the worst opening

loss in Eagles history. He took a mini victory lap before the game, hugged a few of his former teammates and got a good look at why leaving Philadelphia might have been his best move yet.

Joey Galloway had a career-high 142 yards receiving and scored two touchdowns as the Seahawks handed Philadelphia its first shutout in a home opener since 1941.

Warren Moon, the Seahawks' 41-year-old quarterback, was 13-for-21 for 204 yards and three touchdowns.

Vikings 31, Buccaneers 7

Randy Moss, the first-round pick passed over by 19 teams in last spring's draft, caught two long touchdown passes to spark Minnesota to a surprisingly easy home victory.

Moss became the first rookie in team history with two TDs in his first game. Brad Johnson also matched a career high with four TD passes to help give the Vikings the early edge over the Buccaneers in the pursuit of Green Bay in the NFC Central.

Falcons 19, Panthers 14

Overcoming a Carolina defense that recorded six sacks and kept him on the run much of the game, Chris Chandler threw for 268 yards and two touchdowns as Atlanta won on the road.

He completed 17 of 32 passes against Carolina, helping the Falcons win their road opener for the first time since 1986.

In other games, it was Tennessee 23, Cincinnati 14, New Orleans 24, St. Louis 17 and Jacksonville 24, Chicago 23.

Complete roundup in tomorrow's edition.



KEEPING HIS DISTANCE — Giants WR Chris Calloway (80) pushes off Redskins safety Stanley Richard in first-quarter action yesterday. New York won 31-24.

## Report: Murdoch to buy Man United Meet me in St. Louis

LONDON (AP) — Media magnate Rupert Murdoch was negotiating to buy Premier League soccer giant Manchester United, his satellite television network BSkyB confirmed yesterday.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper revealed Murdoch had made a \$575 million bid to buy the soccer team.

According to the newspaper, Murdoch has already negotiated a

deal with United chairman Martin Edwards. Edwards, the paper says, is selling his 14 percent stake in the club for £30m.

BSkyB released a brief statement yesterday confirming negotiations were taking place between Murdoch and Manchester United.

The club issued a statement saying negotiations were in place which "may or may not lead to an offer being made for the company.

Any decision taken by Manchester United will take into account the interests of shareholders, the club's fans, players and staff," the statement said.

Manchester United director Maurice Watkins said a formal statement would be issued today.

Through Sky TV, Murdoch has made sweeping changes to coverage of soccer in Britain with very few live games being shown on regular terrestrial stations on the BBC and ITV. Sky also has exclusive rights to cover England's games such as Saturday's European Championship qualifying round loss to Sweden.

The sale of England's wealthiest club, which was floated on the stock market in 1991, to BSkyB could give the broadcasting company a stranglehold on the television and marketing rights to Premier League football.

Manchester United's own television network called "MU TV" is preparing to launch later this week

and, if the sale to Murdoch went through, it is likely that the only way of seeing the team play would be through pay-per-view TV.

Although United has a 55,000-seater stadium at Old Trafford, almost all the seats go to season ticket holders and the waiting list for the few that become available is several years long.

British Sports Minister Tony Banks said the deal could be subjected to an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.

"There are clear implications here that make me feel that this is not something that can just be treated as if it were just a normal takeover of one publicly quoted company by another," Banks said yesterday.

Former Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty, who has been an outspoken critic of the way the club has been run while remaining a fan of the team, said the supporters would never forgive chairman and chief executive Martin Edwards if he did sell out to Murdoch.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — First guy to hit one over the Gateway Arch wins.

The schedule says Cubs at Cardinals, but baseball fans everywhere know better. Make it Mark McGwire vs. Sammy Sosa, starting today.

McGwire is at 60, Sosa at 58. The Cubs slugger was 2-for-3 last night in a 10-inning 4-3 defeat by the Pirates; McGwire was 0-for-2 with a walk in a game against the Reds which had not been completed by press deadline.

Home run derby, for real. History on deck, the whole country watching them take aim at Roger Maris' record of 61.

Roger Maris' widow, Patricia, had accompanied her six children to St. Louis to watch McGwire's assault, but she had to be hospitalized in Barnes Jewish Hospital for an irregular heartbeat.

Busch Stadium is sold out for the two games, though never have these old rivals created such a stir.

In fact, it's hard to remember the last time any series attracted this kind of attention.

"It is so good what's going on right now for the game of baseball," McGwire said. "And if you want to say, it has brought America together, it has."

Chicago is in the wild-card chase and St. Louis is out of contention. Yet the only standouts most people care about are posted on the scoreboard in center field, just below the out-of-town NL games — that's where the current homer count for McGwire and Sosa is displayed.

Judging by what happened the previous time McGwire and Sosa met, their totals might be changing real soon.

On Aug. 19 at Wrigley Field, McGwire hit two home runs and Sosa hit one. Earlier in that month, they both connected in a game at St. Louis.

"I think we're motivated for each other a little bit," Sosa said. "I try to go up there and do my job and I came through, and I know he does, too. It's unbelievable."

In all, McGwire and Sosa have homered in the same game 20 times this season. "I am a fan of the game as well as a player, and I absolutely enjoy watching him play," McGwire said. "He is having an absolutely magical year and, you know, I root him on just like anybody else." McGwire and Sosa got to talk for a few moments before they played last month at Chicago.

Following that get-together, McGwire responded by hitting 13 home runs in 18 days.

"We don't, as players, have much time to spend with each other when teams come in or we are going there," McGwire said.

"Basically, the only time I get to visit with him is when he is at first base." And, for sure, neither McGwire nor Sosa plans on stopping there starting today.

Yesterday's AL results: Tigers 3, Indians 2; Blue Jays 8, Red Sox 7; White Sox 6, Yankees 5.

Yesterday's NL results: Pirates 4, Cubs 3 (10); Marlins 6, Expos 2; Braves 4, Mets 0; Brewers 4, Phillies 4.

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